

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC (100-18953)

DATE: 8/9/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 22, 1960, orally advised SA [redacted] of a meeting of the CP of Illinois State Board at the residence of FLO HALL in Chicago held on June 20, 1960.

This oral information was written up in narrative report form and subsequently returned to [redacted] for his approval and signature. The signed original narrative report is located in [redacted]

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100- (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)

100- (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)

100- ("THE WORKER")

22 - Chicago

1 - 100-644 (LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG)

1 - 100-12890 (EARL DURHAM)

1 - 100-3301 [redacted]

1 - 100-22483 (LOLA BELLE HOLMES)

1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)

1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)

1 - 100-30108 [redacted]

1 - 100-22078 (NATE SHARPE)

1 - 100-20289 [redacted]

1 - 100-18952 (CP, USA, ILL. DISTRICT, [redacted])

1 - 100-17769 ([redacted] " ")

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1 - 100-18962 ([redacted] " ")

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SA [redacted] on July 11, 1960, made available to [redacted] a copy of the two page document which he stated was read and discussed by FLO HALL during the Communist Party of Illinois State Board meeting on June 20, 1960. The contents of this document have been set out in its entirety on the latter pages of the attached report. The document made available by [redacted] on June 11, 1960, will be located in 100-18953 1B2(45%).

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June 22, 1960
Chicago, Illinois

On the evening of June 20, 1960, there was a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois State Board at the residence of FLO HALL, 1139 West Bryn Mawr, Chicago.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:



The main point on the agenda of this meeting was a report and discussion on a memo on Party organization. A second minor point was on good and welfare.

Party Organization

FLO HALL had a memo with her on Party organization which she read and commented upon during this meeting. In giving this report HALL read the above document and added her comments as she went along. HALL said that she realized that now the Party is smaller than in the past when there was a lot of club activity around certain locations, especially in the neighborhoods, etc. She reviewed the background of the CP since the 16th National Convention up to the present time. She noted that at that time the Party membership was much greater than it is now. At the present time, however, there are about 10,000 "controlled members" in the Party. Others (who are not "controlled members") bring it up to a much higher figure she pointed out.

This document on Party organization called for a consolidation of the Party organization, and HALL stated that to use this method of consolidation would be a means of bringing some of these loose ends of Party people into organizational control.

In discussing this matter HALL mentioned a Section of the CP in England which was headed by [redacted]

[redacted] This Section had around 850 Party members--all in one Section. The club which [redacted] belongs to has 75 members and the average club membership is 32. HALL stated she was relating this because she thought that such a condition would not be a normal one for the Party in the U.S., however, it would be too bulky. It was noted that HALL did not analyze the

political content of these clubs from the point of view of what the members of these clubs represented (that is, community or industrial, etc.).

HALL also spoke of the regional setup in the Illinois District and said she thought that the question of having this organizational form is not the answer. This has been tried but it brought about greater stagnation than before it was put into effect. Some people who are present at this meeting are witnesses to this. She indicated that EARL DURHAM and JACK KLING who are heads of two of the regions in the Illinois District are witnesses to this failure.

She added that although she did not think that that form was the right answer and she did not think that the District has the right answer yet to bring greater political life to the District, she also felt she did not have the answer to it. She stated that the over-all objective in this development should be to orientate the direction of work that will involve more people in Party work and will involve the clubs into greater contact with people (especially in mass organizations, etc.)

She suggested that a plan be undertaken whereby the suggested reorganization of the leadership of the District could be completed by September, 1960. This would mean reorganization during a three month period.

HALL suggested that the reorganization be given to each Section Organizer to be dealt with and felt out by each club. Under this plan, for example, all members would be entitled to get in touch with people which the club has knowledge of. These people could be drawn into classes and discussions, etc. If such a plan is carried out, the District will become more collectively involved in helping the Sections where there are different problems and where there are a number of people who are in different work and in different locals, etc. She pointed out that this is important because at the present time some Sections are just meeting as a group (and the members do not have any collective work to perform since they are representatives of different jobs and unions.)

The reorganization would also serve to train people and develop people for leadership in the life of the clubs. She thought that small educational committees should be organized in each Section and the Section leadership as proposed by the constitution would consist of a Section Organizer, Organizational Secretary and Educational Director. She noted that that organizational structure is not being held to at the

present time, and according to the CP constitution those officers are a minimum. She also hoped that if the reorganization plan takes place, it will be a means to broaden the Section leadership to include a Literature Director and others to bring the Section Committee up to five or six people who are working for the Party.

HALL noted that the CP constitution also provides that there be one representative from each club on the Section Committee. This person is not necessarily a member of the Section Committee, but they can attend meetings of the Section Committee.

HALL added that under the present situation the District Educational Committee (under [redacted]) has not b6 b7C proved satisfactory because of the great number of educational directors who do not care to attend meetings on a large scale. The Educational Committee meets for the District, and if all members of the Committee actually did attend, it would be too bulky to discuss all the problems which would arise.

She noted that under the reorganization, the setup of the Educational Commission will remain as it is now, but it will bring club activity to the forefront. In concluding, HALL stated that this whole reorganization, when finalized, will be directed towards bringing more people into being involved with Party work and will have more people carrying out decisions of the Party through being in some form of leadership of the Party.

Following HALL's report, the meeting was opened to discussion, during which the following comments were noted:

EARL DURHAM

DURHAM stated that he was somewhat confused as to whether this plan could be put into effect sufficiently. He was also skeptical as to whether the desired results can be obtained because there is a lot of "unclarity" in the Party on some of the major issues. He added that he thought that one "unclarity" is that we have to estimate the differences between collective work and mobilization when the Party is carrying out a task. He also went into some of the other contradictions which have not been cleared up. For example, he analyzed some members of the Illinois District staff and analyzed some of the work that the staff people had assigned to them as individuals. He outlined the Party work they have to perform in order to hold the Party together during the period between meetings of the District Committee and the

District Board. Everyone on the staff has work that they cannot get rid of; work they cannot finish.

As another example he noted that just before the summit meeting the Secretariat of the Party issued a certain statement regarding actions the Sections were to take with regard to the summit meeting. In spite of the change in the situation at the summit, no new statement was forthcoming and the Sections would have had to take independent action on the matter. The original Secretariat statement was that everyone should be orientated towards peace and no war, etc., but this Secretariat statement did not give any idea as to how this should be done.

DURHAM added that he was not speaking of the great change brought about by the U-2 incident, he was speaking of the over-all failure of the statement to give direction.

DURHAM also felt that in the District such a reorganization is going to require some long-term, deep analysis. He stated that when the Party issues statements, the Party accepts them. The people vote yea, but then they do not carry out what is contained in the statements.

The Party is not clear on some things and one of these is the legality of the Party. People are not going to stick their necks out when they are not clear on the objectives of the Party.

Continuing, DURHAM said that, for example, on the Negro Question there are many unanswered problems, and until the Party gets down to the grassroots of these things and tries to iron them out, he does not think there is going to be any real gain for the Party that will register any great interest in the Party on the part of the workers and the American people.

DURHAM added that he did not want to seem to say that the issues and problems raised by the Party are not correct. He did want to say that the form through which they are trying to interest the workers and get them to move is not convincing, and that this is not the right way to do it. He felt that the first thing to do is to convince the people who make up the total cadre of the Party (about the merits of the reorganization).

DURHAM also mentioned the change in attitude towards the Soviet Union following the U-2 incident. There was a change after KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the U.S., but this was not as great as the change in attitude following the U-2 incident.

KHRUSHCHEV impressed the people, but the U-2 incident did even more. The U.S. people are disgusted with the President because they feel that he fooled around with this question until KHRUSHCHEV humiliated him.

[redacted] said that this orientation towards Party work from the club level is a possibility because at the present time we have so many people who will not attend large meetings but will attend small club meetings with people they know. He noted that this is particularly true of the Industrial Sections because many people in the shops do not want to meet with people they do not know. They just want to meet with people from their own industry.

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[redacted] gave some suggestions for having all club educational directors attend meetings, but when he brought this point up, a discussion ensued as to how many people would be involved. This became such an organizational discussion that someone suggested that such details not be taken up at this meeting.

[redacted] said he felt it was wrong to take up any drastic organizational changes unless such organizational changes come about through the circumstances which present themselves during the work of any activity. When such a reorganization is based on some activity, the results of such activity will indicate whether the new change should be maintained. He stated that otherwise if an activity is not successful and an organizational change is made, the people will merely say that the former setup has been changed, and therefore the situation should be solved.

He added that he did not know whether he would agree that such a proposed reorganization is needed in order to carry out the decisions of the 17th National Convention. He said he would rather put it in the terms that we are trying to adjust ourselves organizationally in order to be effective in the political and economic life of the American people. That would be more suitable he thought because if you refer to the 17th National Convention as the main objectives for this change, then you will be trying to "cover the waterfront" and in a year's time you may only be able to become involved in one particular item or one particular phase.

SAM KUSHNER

KUSHNER agreed with EARL DURHAM's comments on the reorganization. He said he did not think that this is going to solve anything. He gave an example where you have one person in this department and another in another department and they meet in groups as members of a Section Committee, but they do not get together in such meetings to solve anything. He felt nothing would be accomplished unless Party growth reached a point where more people were involved.

NATE SHARPE

SHARPE spoke about going to see some of the old Party members. Some of them are going back to work in packing. Those in his Section who visited such people found that as a result of these contacts, they were able to get about 11 people to attend meetings. These people do not attend such meetings as a (CP) club but attend merely as eleven people who are meeting together. They have hoped of getting these people organized into a CP club in a matter of months, however.

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[redacted] said he thought that this is one of the greatest things he has heard of recently. He noted, for example, that the youth are scattered all around. Also, the old members of the Party take a "cold view" when the youths are mentioned. They seem to think that the youths are to be handled by the Youth Commission or by the young people, etc.

Following this discussion on the proposed reorganization, FLO HALL made the following proposals:

1. That the Party have a discussion on this. This would entail discussing everything concerned in such reorganization. This was accepted.
2. That the CP of Illinois State Board analyze what people would be involved in such a discussion (what level, such as the District Committee or members of Section Committees?).

LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG commented that he did not think that such a discussion would work out. He felt that this matter would have to be discussed in stages. First the District should discuss it and other organizations such as the Industrial Council should meet to discuss it.

It was finally agreed, however, that the CP of Illinois District staff would select five people for the over-all guidance of this reorganization program. This matter is to be taken up Section by Section in order to put the organizational changes into effect. All of HALL's proposals were ultimately accepted.

Good and Welfare

In speaking of the org fund, HALL stated that the District wants to have something done on this. She said that only one Section would have its quota by July 4, 1960, which is the deadline date. She indicated she is going to use this Section as an example to the other Sections that the fund drive quota can be raised.

It was announced that the Illinois District sent \$3,000 to "The Worker" and therefore the Illinois District now has 75% of its quota.

It was announced that the next meeting of the CP of Illinois State Committee will be held on July 8, 1960.

LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG said that he did not think that the Party has a clear prospective with regard to the Chicago ANTU and for the Negro Question as a whole. He thought that the whole concept of the Negro Question is not adequate, and there needs to be a discussion on this.

The Party needs to have a program for it or else the same thing will happen on the Negro Question as happened during World War II when the Party adopted the slogan of win the war at all costs and the Negro Question was put aside. He noted that during this period A. PHILIP RANDOLPH suddenly turned up in Washington, D.C., with a program and received a lot of recognition for that.

EARL DURHAM stated that the CP of Illinois District Negro Commission held a meeting the week previous in which there had been a discussion on this point. It was also mentioned that the State Committee meeting scheduled for July 8, 1960, will take up this point.

NATE SHARPE had some tickets at this meeting which he attempted to sell. The proceeds from the sale of these tickets were to be used by his union to send some women to Ghana. He was asking everyone to buy some of the tickets, and LOLA BELLE HOLMES was heard to say that she also wanted to go

to Ghana and asked SHARPE who was going to sponsor her trip.

Prior to the conclusion of this meeting it was agreed that the next meeting of the CP of Illinois State Board would be held on July 25, 1960, at EARL DURHAM's residence.

Also immediately prior to the meeting's conclusion [redacted] asked the members of the CP of Illinois staff to meet together with LOLA BELLE HOLMES in the kitchen of HALL's apartment and the meeting concluded at this time.

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The following contains the information set forth in the memorandum on Party organization which was read and outlined by FLO HALL:

"MEMORANDUM ON PARTY ORGANIZATION"

"As part of our emphasis to strengthen the Party organization by making the Party club a decisive force in the life of the workers in the shop, in the Negro people's movement and in the community, we have laid special stress on the Party club. The weakening of the Party organization was reflected first of all in the Party club and in club leadership. The very strengthening of the Party therefore requires primarily attention to: the club; leadership of the Party club; and the relationship of the club to the higher committees of the Party including all national bodies.

"Towards this end a number of discussions have taken place in the past year. Among them: a series of regional conferences on Party organization; discussion at the National Committee meeting (though inadequate); a questionnaire to Party clubs to which only few districts have responded; a letter by Com. Gus Hall to the Allerton Club of New York on the work of that club, and a recently held Organization Commission meeting which included representatives from the east coast districts which discussed the Negro people's movements and the Party club.

"For the period ahead this question needs even greater attention, in the most detailed manner, because in the translation of our political objectives to the 1960

national elections, in the mass movements for peace, Negro rights, economic struggles, etc., our Party's effectiveness and leadership will be demonstrated by the association of its membership with these movements in an organized way, that is, through the Party club.

"A number of districts have initiated, or are in the process of initiating discussions leading to such changes which will further strengthen the Party club. These discussions are related to the question of industrial clubs, their association with communities and the involvement of many of our working class forces in the activities in working class communities.

"In this regard we propose that the next three months be devoted to a review of the Party organization by all districts. The national organization, jointly with some of the districts, will carry through such a review. We would urge others to follow similar plans.

"The aim of this review will not merely be to collect facts for future national consideration. The review will be a means of working together with the lower organizations for such examination which leads to immediate improvement in the club, thereby serving as an example for other clubs. In other words, we wish to stress that this is not to be an examination of the Party but rather a collective effort of the leadership nationally as well as on a district, county and club level to discuss these questions with the aim of finding ways to improve the Party's effectiveness.

"In this review, problems that are most pertinent to the particular club being considered should be taken up. We would like to list some of them:

1. The size of the club, its composition, the kind of an area it is located.

2. Get its experiences in the application of the mass line of the Party. How have the campaigns initiated by leading committees been discussed and what help have these committees given the club.
3. Relationship of members' mass activity to the club.
4. Obtain recommendations of forces for training and developing for leadership of the club as well as for other committees.
5. Problems of finances, fund drives, campaigns. What is the attitude of the club toward them and how can they be improved or changed?

"To conduct this review, we propose:

1. That it be carried out during the months of June, July and August.
2. That the national organization in cooperation with a number of districts work out this review in their districts. We would suggest: New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, with some attention to Wisconsin by the committee working in Illinois.

"For this review and evaluation, we recommend:

- a) The setting up of a national body of five in each district, or a total of 25 nationally. Each group of 5 shall be composed of comrades from the national center, district and county where such an organization exists. The aim is to obtain all experiences, ideas, recommendations through the collective effort of all sectors of leadership.
- b) Each of the committees shall have a chairman, and the five chairmen shall be the coordinating committee that shall receive all of the reports for finalization and recommendations. Its recommendations, however, shall first go to all the members of the committee. Reports shall also be sent from districts which are not coordinated by a national subcommittee.

"The committees operating in a particular district shall allocate one of its members to a particular club, thereby giving full encouragement and adequate time for all members in the club to participate in the discussion.

"Following each meeting of a club or committee, a written report shall be turned in to the national coordinating committee.

"These reviews shall be conducted in the district for a period of from one week to ten days. The clubs shall be selected in cooperation with district and county organization. They should include, wherever possible, well-functioning as well as poorly attended clubs.

"We wish to emphasize again that these reviews should be conducted in such a manner as to help implement immediately the work of the Party club as well as other organizations of the Party. They are not to be long-term reviews separated from the direct work of the organization. The recommendations from the club may not only help that club but may also serve the county or district organization.

"Comrades to serve on the committee shall be selected for each district in consultation with the district. The date for review should be agreed upon as soon as possible.

"The above recommendations serve only as a guide to help initiate this review and evaluation of the Party. The accumulated information and experiences as well as the conclusions will then be discussed by the leading committee in early fall and be made the property of the whole organization."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE : 4/19/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COMPLETE PARAPHRASING BE UTILIZED IN THE EVENT ANY OF THIS INFORMATION IS INCORPORATED IN A REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, IN ORDER TO AFFORD MAXIMUM SECURITY TO THIS INFORMANT.

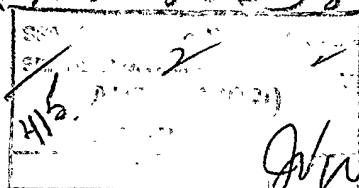
Re Chicago letter dated March 31, 1960 captioned "CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP" regarding biographical sketches which were to be prepared by members of the National Committee of the CP, USA, for submission to the National Office of the Party.

CG 5824-S* on April 10, 1960, furnished 23 of these biographical sketches to SA CARL N. FREYMAN. These sketches were photographed in the Chicago office and a set of the photographs and the original negatives are filed in 100-33741-1B18.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl.1) (RM)
- 3 - Baltimore (Encls.2) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-12464 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-10584 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-12076 (GEORGE MEYERS)
- 2 - Boston (Encl.1) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-20779 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-775 (HOMER BATES CHASE)

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 - 1 - 100-17257 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 3 - Detroit (Encls.2) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-2050 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
 - 1 - 100-13740 (HELEN WINTER)
- 2 - Indianapolis (Encl.1) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-11093 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-9529 (EMANUEL BLUM)
- 3 - Los Angeles (Encls.2) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-26044 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-4663 (BEN DOBBS)
 - 1 - 100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
- 2 - Milwaukee (Encl.1) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-42-1 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-4 (FRED BLAIR)
- 2 - Minneapolis (Encl.1) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-1878-P (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-371 [REDACTED]
- 17 - New York (Encls.16) (RM) (1 set and 15 sketches)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)
 - 1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
 - 1 - 100-32826 (JAMES S. ALLEN)
 - 1 - 100-80532 (HERBERT APTEKER)
 - 1 - 100-25623 (ERIK BERT)
 - 1 - 101-559 (JESUS COLON)
 - 1 - 100-106126 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100-93665 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
 - 1 - 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
 - 1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
 - 1 - 100-79025 [REDACTED]

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1 - 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, Jr.)
1 - 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY)
1 - 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
3 - Philadelphia (RM) (Encls. 2)
1 - 100-31723 (CP, USA - Organization)
1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
1 - 65-4641 [REDACTED]
2 - Portland (Encl. 1) (RM)
1 - 100-2952-sub.14 (CP, USA - Organization)
1 - 100- [REDACTED] (NORMAN HAALAND)
5 - San Francisco (Encls. 4) (RM)
1 - 100-27747 (CP, USA - Organization)
1 - 65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)
1 - 100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)
1 - 61-415 (AL RICHMOND)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
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CG 5824-S* on April 11, 1960 furnished to
SA [redacted] 16 additional sketches which were
photostated in the Chicago office.

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Chicago copies of these sketches are also filed
in 100-33741 -1B18.

A set of these biographical sketches is enclosed
for the Bureau and New York office. In addition, individual
sketches are enclosed for the office where the National Committee
member resides.

Relet set forth the form which was to be used
in obtaining these biographies. It consists of a set of
questions, as follows:

- 1) Name
- 2) Age
- 3) National & social origin & occupation.
- 4) Length of time in C.P.
- 5) Where joined
- 6) Who recommended or knows you.
- 7) Did you ever drop out of the CP since joining?
When? For what reason?
- 8) Has any disciplinary action ever been taken
against you?
- 9) A) Were you ever arrested?
B) For what reason? When? Where?
C) Did you ever serve in prison? When? Where?
How long?
- 10) Are you a member of any mass org.? Trade Union?
Which Nat. Group Org.?
- 11) Are you a war veteran? Member of any Veterans
Org.?

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- 12) What is your present position in CP? What other committees are you a member of?
- 13) Married? How Long? Children, _____ Number _____ Wife or husband in C.P.?

These biographical sketches are as follows:

PHOTOGRAPHS

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
FRED BLAIR
EMANUEL BLUM
HOMER BATES CHASE
[Redacted]

BEN DOBBS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
[Redacted]

BETTY GANNETT
NORMAN HAALAND
FLO HALL
DOROTHY HEALEY
SAM KUSHNER
MICKEY LIMA
BURT NELSON
ROSCOE PROCTOR
PAUL ROBESON JR.
JAMES TORMEY
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
[Redacted]

* CARL WINTER

* Regarding the sketch for WINTER, it is noted that it bears no name and tentative identification was made from the descriptive data appearing thereon.

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CLARENCE HATHAWAY
ARNOLD JOHNSON
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK
GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT

[REDACTED]
GEORGE MEYERS
THOMAS NABRIED

[REDACTED]
AL RICHMOND

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HELEN WINTER

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Also included in the second set of sketches was a set of the questions set forth previously. Photostat copies of these questions are included with each set enclosed.

SAC (100-5280)

8/16/60

SA NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN

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On 7/21/60, PH-541-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted] that THOMAS NABRIED arrived at CP Headquarters about 11:15 a.m., 7/21/60. [redacted] appeared a few minutes later and reminded NABRIED that they had an appointment at 12:00 Noon at the H & H down the street. They both departed before 11:25 a.m. and returned at 12:50 p.m. accompanied by [redacted]. The three remained at the office in discussion for about an hour and a half. [redacted] departed at 2:20 p.m., and NABRIED and [redacted] about 2:30 p.m.

Among the subjects discussed was the following:

[redacted] commented on the registration sheets which [redacted] had sent in. She explained that the National Office wanted, under the question on organization, the exact name of the organization to which people belong, rather than the category in which they are involved. As he was leaving, [redacted] reminded the others to be sure to send him the list for the registration.

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1 - New York (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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1 - 100-28841 [redacted]
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1 - 100-32208 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 9/21/60

CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* orally furnished the information on the following page to SA JOHN E. KEATING on 9/20/60:

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1 - NY 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
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On 9/20/60, comments were made about the following individuals at the headquarters of the Communist Party, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York City:

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

JACK STACHEL stated that a book by ALEXANDER BITTELMAN has been released. STACHEL said that on 9/19/60, the Secretariat of the CP, USA decided to expel BITTELMAN from the CP, USA.

[redacted]

HYMAN LUMER stated that [redacted] had written a 400-page book on China. LUMER said that a few weeks ago he thought that this was a good book. Now, however, he thinks that the Communist Party of China either wrote the book or gave the material to [redacted]. There is not one critical word about China in the book. LUMER doubted that it would be advisable to publish this book now because of the ideological dispute between the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party of China. He said he would suggest the postponement of the publishing date for this book.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

LUMER said he saw WILLIAM Z. FOSTER not long ago and they shook hands and renewed their friendship. LUMER commented that he thinks that FOSTER is going crazy.

JACK SHULMAN

GUS HALL stated that JACK SHULMAN was "fired" on 9/20/60 as FOSTER's chauffeur. While HALL did not name SHULMAN's successor, it may be [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

10/3/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA
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On 10/3/60, NY 694-3rd furnished SA ANDREW C. BURLINSON with a copy of a mimeographed "Memorandum of National Organization Euro," signed by PHIL BAER and dated 9/30/60.

This memorandum sets out that the CP has not had a National registration in years and the Organization Euro was proposing a 1961 National registration. Immediately after the National elections, registration would be started, using the months of November and December.

An objective of a gain of 10 per cent for the year in membership for each district is suggested. It is pointed out that while there has been an increase in recruiting for the first six months of 1960 compared to 1959, the increase is small and affects only a few districts.

A Photostat of the above memo is enclosed for the Bureau. Another Photostat is retained by the NYL. The original memorandum was returned to the informant at his request.

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1-New York (100-55579) (PHIL BAER) (415)
1-New York (134-91) (Inver) (41)
1-New York (100-80638)

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100-80638-1762 *[Signature]*

Memorandum of National Organization Buro

Our Party did not have a national registration for a number of years. Some districts have conducted independent registrations at different periods and consequently we do not have a uniform figure for the whole organization. The Org. Buro proposes a 1961 national registration. In its opinion such registration and Party consolidation will serve as a means of strengthening and consolidating the Party clubs and help increase our membership in accordance with the objectives set by the National Convention. It will also give us a specific knowledge at the opening of the New Year of the actual membership of the Party as well as other material that is valuable in our mass work.

The National Org. Buro at its recent meeting discussed registration for 1961 and Party consolidation. It has made the following proposals which it calls on the districts to consider:

1. That we utilize the month of October to prepare for the 1961 registration, setting up the apparatus in every district, organizing discussions and making plans for it.
2. That in the months of November and December, starting immediately after the national elections, registration shall be started in the Party.
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4. That this two-month period shall be devoted to Party consolidation and Party building. There shall be discussions of the National Convention resolution on Party organization which appears in March 1960 Political Affairs.
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6. On the East Coast a meeting of the Org. Conference is planned for mid-October. We propose that similar meetings be planned in other districts.

Phil Bart

September 30, 1960

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 6 OCT 1960

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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ReNYlet, 8/5/60.

As of 10/1/60, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1920

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1 - New York (100-26603-C41) (QUEENS) (423)
1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (NEW YORK) (424)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43) (KINGS) (422)
1 - New York (100-26603-C44) (WESTCHESTER) (421)
1 - New York (100-26603-C45) (NASSAU) (423)
1 - New York (100-132430) (INDUSTRIAL DIVISION) (42)
1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
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(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	48
(3)	Number of members identified to date (10/1/59-10/1/60)	964
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP member since last progress letter	19
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date (10/1/59-10/1/60)	73

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns
in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification, "T"
represents tentative identifications.)

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<u>Organization</u>	Total 8/1/60 P/T	New Since 8/1/60 P/T	Deletions and Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 10/1/60 P/T	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	182/11	8/0	-15/-3	-7/-3	175/8	245
Kings County	172/7	11/8	-20/-7	-9/1	163/8	310
Queens County	119/8	7/1	-5/-1	2/0	121/8	136
NY County	268/14	4/0	-13/-8	-9/-8	259/6	482
Nassau County	17/1	0/0	-1/0	-1/0	16/1	61
Westchester County	12/2	0/0	-2/0	-2/0	10/2	49
Industrial	203/45	18/10	-1/-15	17/-5	220/40	637
	<u>973/88</u>	<u>48/19</u>	<u>-57/-34</u>	<u>-9/-15</u>	<u>964/73</u>	<u>1920</u>

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There is outlined below pertinent information received concerning the estimated current membership.

Inasmuch as no positive info has been received since relet with respect to the number of members in the Industrial Division CP, the estimated current membership for the Industrial Organization has not been changed.

NY 2017-S* on 8/9/60, furnished information which reflected the following data regarding membership in the NY State CP:

<u>County</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Bronx	233*
Queens	136
New York	482
Westchester Mid-Hudson	49
Industrial	455**

*Data reflects 245 registered.

**No membership shown for 10 clubs.

(Asterisked notations also from the informant).

[redacted] on 9/23/60, advised that [redacted] [redacted] Kings County CP, in breaking down quotas for a new September, 1960 Fund Drive, used the figure of 310 for the Kings County CP.

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[redacted] on 7/22/60, estimated the Nassau County CP membership to be 61.

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On 9/28/60, [redacted] estimated the Queens County CP membership to be 150.

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The next bi-monthly progress letter to cover the period 10/1/60 - 1/1/61, will be submitted by 1/10/61.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, NY (100-80641)

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On 10/6/60, NY 694-S* furnished SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON with copy of a mimeographed letter, the text of which follows:

"October 4, 1960

"To the Members of the
Org. Commission

"Dear Comrades:

"A meeting of the full Organization Commission will be held on Saturday, October 15th, starting at 1 P.M. sharp. We request that you come on time and be prepared to start this meeting after lunch. We will go into the evening.

This meeting will discuss a number of specific organizational questions. They will include:

- 1) Carrying through the Convention decisions of registering the membership 10% greater than a year ago.
- 2) A uniform national registration to be conducted during November and December.
- 3) Party consolidation and club leadership.

We ask you to prepare for this meeting, bringing in the necessary information as well as suggestions relative to the above questions and others related to it.

"Comradely,

Phil Bart"

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It is expected that this meeting will be held at the National Office of the CPUSA and coverage will be afforded through established sources and the Bureau will be promptly advised of details of the discussion.

The original of the above letter was returned to the informant at his request.

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*Memorandum*TO : **SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)**DATE: **10/17/60**FROM : **SUPV. JOHN J. KEARNEY**SUBJECT: **CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
IS-C**

On 10/15/60, a meeting of the Enlarged Organization Commission was held in CP headquarters, NYC.

At the meeting, it was decided that uniform registration will be conducted during November and December, 1960, as well as a dues control program. The Party aim is to increase membership by 10%. The first 2 weeks in November will be preparation for registration and registration will be conducted from November 15 to the end of the year. It was stated that this would be the first uniform National registration of the Party in five years.

It was also stated that a fund drive for \$25,000.00 was being planned for November and December, and New York's quota will be \$10,000.00.

The above ~~information~~ is being set out for informational purposes.

1-ASAC N.H. MC CABE (Div. IV)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: October 10, 1960

FROM: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is enclosed for each office a copy of a memorandum from the "National Organization Buro," Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) dated September 30, 1960, and signed by Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA, which relates to a proposed 1961 national CP registration.

In view of the information set forth in the Party's memorandum, each office receiving copies of this letter should instruct its informants and sources to be alert for CP registration activities. You should be especially alert to determine the action taken by CP leaders in your division to implement the details of the Party's memorandum.

The Party's proposed national registration will afford an excellent opportunity to identify each and every current CP member in your division; therefore, each office must endeavor to capitalize on this development by judicious application of all available investigative techniques, coupled with meticulous planning and ingenuity.

You will be expected to afford the investigation of Party registration activities continuous supervision so that you can be assured your coverage is sufficient to provide you with current membership data relating to all CP members in your division.

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Phil Bart

September 30, 1960

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 10/12/60

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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INFORMANT.

On 10/5/60, NY 2362-S* advised that on above date, PHIL BART and GUS HALL had an informal discussion in the pent house office at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

According to the informant, the discussion pertained to various topics and activities such as the agenda for the coming National Committee meeting, 12/3-4/60, the future Party activity of JIM (TORMEY) and BETTY (GANNETT), the New York leadership situation, the possible automobile trip by GUS HALL and Party finances.

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PHIL BART opened the discussion and said that he was proposing that the dates for the next National Committee (NC) meeting be on 12/3-4/60. He indicated that the proposed agenda for that meeting would be something on the following order:

1. Developments and perspectives of the Party, which would include the elections and peace issues.

2. Labor and tasks of the Party, which would include the economic question and trade unions.

3. A basic report by GUS HALL (subject matter not disclosed) to be approximately two hours in length.

4. Four separate reports in course of discussion to include such matters as Negro work, economics, the Party, etc.

Continuing, BART commented that approximately 42 to 45 people would participate in the meeting and that the motions would be prepared in advance of the meeting and given to the participants when they arrive.

HALL commented that he agreed in general to BART's suggestion, and indicated that there would be further discussion regarding the agenda.

Continuing, HALL remarked to BART that he had had a lengthy discussion recently with CARL (WINTER ?) and ARNOLD (JOHNSON ?). HALL said that "they" (apparently WINTER and JOHNSON) raised the question of CARL's (WINTER) work in Michigan and the question of JIM (possibly TORMEY) going into Michigan to work. HALL said that he asked them about BETTY (GANNETT ?) and they were of the opinion that BETTY (GANNETT ?) could do some Regional or Mid-West work. HALL said that he told them that he was not against such a proposal but that the problem basically is one of finances.

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Continuing, HALL stated that he had heard from a third party to the effect that CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT ?) had spoken to both of them (apparently JIM TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT) and that JIM (TORMEY) was willing "right away". (Informant believed that this meant that TORMEY was willing to accept a transfer).

Informant advised that at this point PHIL BART next discussed the New York State Leadership situation but for the most part utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

GUS HALL, in answer to BART, indicated that someone was needed in the New York State leadership who was willing to work with the National (Office ?), adding that they needed someone there who could advise him immediately of the activities. HALL indicated that in his opinion the two best guys "we" have are ARNOLD (JOHNSON) and CLARENCE (HATHAWAY), but again emphasized that there must be a leadership which supports the national leadership. HALL further commented that perhaps "he" did not understand what "I" meant when "I" insisted that CLARENCE (HATHAWAY) must remain (apparently in leadership ?).

PHIL BART said that he agreed with HALL, but indicated that perhaps ARNOLD (JOHNSON ?) would come back into national leadership eventually. (Informant noted that BART again utilized the added security of the blackboard to emphasize his position and that this information was not available to the informant).

GUS HALL remarked that part of the problem in the New York District is that "he" was trying to take over the leadership from CLARENCE (HATHAWAY) and, as a result, "we" must keep him under a very tight rein, adding that the reason "he" is so productive now is because "we" are keeping him tight. (It is believed that possibly HALL is referring here to ARNOLD JOHNSON).

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Informant advised that PHIL BART next discussed a plan (not described) which it is hoped would increase Party membership by ten percent. BART said that following the elections "we" will start registration, "the materials are already out." He said that it is hoped that when the registration is complete, Party membership will be ten percent larger, adding that this ten percent would include recruiting and bringing back to the Party people who have been inactive.

HALL then told BART that he, HALL, was planning to take an auto trip the greater part of this month, October, and possibly half of November. HALL said that definite plans have not been worked out, that he was still thinking about it and possibly would go to Ohio, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Minneapolis. He told BART that he had already spoken to [redacted] that he wished to speak in Minneapolis (no date specified). b6
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BART interrupted HALL to ask him when he would be coming back. HALL thought possibly around the middle of November. When BART told him that Election Day is November 8, HALL said that he would then be back by Election Day. (Informant advised that HALL then utilized the added security of the blackboard to discuss his pending trip but this information was not available to informant).

HALL said that another thing that he has temporarily agreed upon as far as trips are concerned is to go to the West Coast to speak at the anniversary (possibly HALL is referring to the anniversary of the Russian Revolution in mid-October).

HALL then told BART that he, HALL, suggested he use GENE's (DENNIS ?) car (apparently on this auto trip) and added that the way "he" (DENNIS ?) acted you would think that "I" was trying to take away his house because of the fuss "he" created. HALL then indicated that the Party had another car but have not as yet gotten the license plates for it.

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(It is believed that the car referred to as GENE's car is the 1960 blue Rambler bearing New York license 7U7275. The second car referred to by HALL in which there are no license plates is possibly the 1960 black Mercury presently located near his residence and bearing no license plates).

PHIL BART next discussed Party finances, saying they are planning to have a meeting on finances in the near future which would include the proposed fund drive for 1961. HALL suggested that possibly they could have a little "special fund drive", mentioning the possibility of attempting to raise \$30,000. (Informant advised that again both HALL and BART utilized the added security of the blackboard to discuss Party finances). HALL then commented that possibly they could set up a drive for \$25,000 to cover the legal commitments of the Party. He also suggested that someone should prepare a letter as an appeal to the membership. HALL expressed the opinion that if a committee could be set up, possibly

[redacted] (PH) could be in charge. BART immediately objected to the suggestion of [redacted] being in charge and said that it has to be discussed at length. HALL then retorted that perhaps WILL WEINSTONE or (WILLIAM L.) PATTERSON could take a month off from their other duties (apparently to work on this fund committee). HALL concluded by stating that "we" need a statement of finances as we are not getting what we are asking for and there is a need for a public appeal.

Informant advised that due to the consistent use of the blackboard, it was not possible to determine if any final decisions were made regarding the above.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
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On 10/15/60, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date, a meeting described as the "Enlarged Organization Commission" was held in the third floor board room at CP headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC. Among those in attendance were the following:

PHIL BART, JACK STACHEL, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, FLO
HALL, [REDACTED] LOUIS WEINSTOCK, HYMAN LUMER, LOU MOROZE
and IRVING POTASH.

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PHIL BART opened the discussion and identified the meeting as being the "enlarged organization commission" which he said included representatives from the East Coast and other areas who received invitations to the meeting. He said that "these meetings" should be held quarterly. FLO (HALL) was designated as chairman.

JACK STACHEL was the first speaker and said that they would take up the following points:

1. Convention decision regarding registering membership.
2. A uniform registration to be conducted during November and December, 1960.
3. Party organizations and club leadership.

STACHEL, commenting with regard to the Supreme Court hearings of arguments on the McCarran Act and the membership cases, said that they should not think that "it is all signed, sealed and delivered."

STACHEL said that the preparation for the Party to defend itself against attack is for the Party to be identified with mass work. He said the Party must bring forward with great clarity what "we" stand for, and the Party has to fight to defend its program. He added that socialism will not come until the people want it.

He said that the proposal has been made that in November and December, the Party will carry through a registration of membership and a dues control program. He said that November and December will also be special months for "The Worker" as the circulation drive is scheduled to begin around December 1st. He summarized by saying that there will be registration, dues control, checkup on membership increase and problems regarding "The Worker." He said these should be given principal attention in the Party committees and clubs during November and December.

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Continuing, STACHEL commented that the Party adopted a resolution on Party organization at the last convention and "we" proposed to re-publish this in "Party Affairs" in order that the comrades will have that resolution before them. He said discussion should be organized around this resolution.

STACHEL said that the Party wants to particularly emphasize: 1. The role of leadership in the work of the Party; 2. The role of the club as the basic Party organization; 3. the relationship of leadership to the clubs. He commented that the meetings in November and December should not be just routine but that emphasis on the election campaign and peace should be discussed and stress placed on how the Party has to work among the masses.

STACHEL said that with regard to registration it has been proposed that the first two weeks in November be used to prepare for registration, which will begin around November 15th and last until the end of the year. STACHEL commented to the effect that club membership is not as great as it had been in the past, adding that the average (membership in clubs?) is less than 20. He indicated that in Manhattan, the average club membership was approximately 12, but that in his particular club there were over 20 members.

Continuing, STACHEL commented that greater effort should be made to insure that "Political Affairs" and "The Worker" are being read and not merely subscribed to. He said that with regard to the \$25,000 fund drive being planned, New York will have to raise \$10,000, adding that "our deficit" is about \$100,000. STACHEL recommended that "affairs" should be organized in connection with this fund-raising program.

With regard to recruitment, STACHEL said that a party which does not recruit is actually not a party and

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"we" should emphasize recruiting on a selective basis. He singled out Harlem as being a place where the Party is weak. With regard to nationality groups in New York, STACHEL indicated that outside of Jewish groups, he did not think that there were more than 100 people in the Party. He said that in Detroit, the 75 members in the national group club take more "Workers" than any other group in the Party and raise a considerable amount of money for "The Worker" fund drive.

PHIL BART commented that there have been many requests for registration blanks and he suggested that a uniform registration blank be prepared that could be adjusted for area, district or club. He said that this would be the first uniform national registration of the Party in five years.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK commented that there needs to be a systematic planning with regard to recruiting and building the Party press, as well as a checkup on carrying out these obligations. He cited the fact that since he has been in the management of "The Worker" he has never been called upon by the national or district leadership to give an accounting of his efforts to build the Party press. He noted that many districts, including New York, do not have a press director in order to follow the building of the press work. He said that as a result, the counties and clubs do not have press directors.

With regards to the fund drive, WEINSTOCK charged that the districts are not supporting the paper to cover the minimum expense of \$750.00 per week. He claimed that he and others, as a result, had to personally go out and get \$5,000 from individuals to run the paper. He said that this money was raised from people in New York but since it was obtained on a personal basis, it could not be credited to the New York District. He charged that in Chicago they do not pay 5% of the paper's bills. WEINSTOCK recommended that they should start the sub drive and quotas be set on a 10% basis. He noted that New York had gotten 5,000 signatures in the recent election petitions and felt that a follow-up on this could easily produce the 10% quota for new subscriptions.

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[redacted] said that she agreed with WEINSTOCK's appraisal that there was a real gap between the leadership and the membership in the Party. She cited as an example an industrial club consisting of nine members which she said had been meeting for years without any loss of membership. She said, however, that she had attended one of their meetings and found out that for two years this club had not had a real political discussion. She said that in Philadelphia some gains have been made in reactivating clubs but most of this work is done either by TOM (NABRIED ?) or herself. She said that their problem is to enlist others to participate in leadership. She complained that many Party people will not support functions that are given in the name of the Party and that almost 50% of the support they get is from non-Party people. She said that there has been a "drying up" of former sources of funds, however she felt that funds are available if they could only enlist people to go out and get it. She felt that the \$750.00 fund drive quota was not too much and could be obtained if they had the personnel. She said that the club chairmen are new and inexperienced and are unable to raise any sizeable amounts of money. She said that "they" have started leadership classes at all levels and that this is being done despite the fact that they have no educational director. She felt also that there was a lack of material especially at the club level for these classes and wanted the national (office) to furnish material. She concluded by commenting that her district would reach the 10% increase in registration by the end of the year.

LOU MOROZE said that New Jersey had so many organizational problems that they never get down to the theoretical questions. He felt however that the 10% quota increase in registration as well as the \$750.00 quota regarding "The Worker" fund drive would be met.

BILL ALBERTSON stated that since November and December is to be tied up with registering membership and other matters it would be better to start the circulation campaign the first of the year.

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He said that with regard to the McCarran Act and membership cases, the Party should concern itself with the ideological preparation of the membership so that the membership of the Party will not sustain a "new shock" should it come. He said efforts should be made to develop an atmosphere in which the Supreme Court may make a favorable decision.

ALBERTSON, in commenting on the 10% increase in membership, felt that this figure could be realized, adding that 200 would be 10%. He said "we" conducted our registration two years ago and the registration totalled 2,010. He said that he knew that there were losses in the Party since the '58 registration in some places. He also noted that the '58 registration was a drop of some 350 from the '57 registration.

ALBERTSON said that the Party has to change its technique from leadership by "exhortation" and that leading comrades should meet regularly with club members. He said that leaflets are sent out to the counties and the clubs but that the Party does not know how many comrades take the leaflets or what they do with them, adding that the Party as a result was making decisions based on a lack of knowledge and wishful thinking on our whole Party-building approach.

FLO HALL stated that in her district "we" are preparing a midwest conference on the press. She said that they are making efforts to see that there is a press director in each club. She said that with regard to clubs that are not functioning well, they are being combined and rearranged. She said "we" are doing away with sections.

HY LUMER next commented on the Party's educational work. He said the educational commission has decided to reissue "Party Affairs". He said the first issue will be out in approximately six weeks and that it will be published quarterly or bi-monthly. "Party Affairs" will deal with organizational problems and experiences and the objective is to reach the clubs and provide material for their use.

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He said that last summer "we" had success with schools in which "we" taught the basic elements of Marxism and in our educational report "we" urged district organizations to organize more schools on this level. He said that it was also recommended that a course be set up on the level of section leaders. He said that they want to place emphasis on organizational work of this type in schools and feel that as a result will find answers to many of the problems.

PHIL BART was of the opinion that what was necessary in the Party was an ideological campaign. He said that with regard to the concentration policy of the Party, it may be necessary to center our concentration where we have no members, in which case the Party will have to take some of its best forces and put them in there. He said this policy of concentration must be adopted in its broadest sense and applied to the working class in many fields. The concentration must be organized for two reasons: (1) to bring the leadership closer to the club and (2) to release the energies and forces of our Party. BART said that if the Party is to go into the communities and do work, they must go and organize there. He said the problem is to turn the direction of the whole Party to a working class character adding that this cannot be done by separating the industrial workers into their own clubs. BART felt that many of the industrial clubs have no reason for existence and are actually obstructions to carrying out Party policy.

IRVING POTASH commented that the primary objective to reorganization is to create and strengthen the club as the basic organization wherein the individual comrade and the organized group will be directed into a closer relationship, individually and in an organizational form with non-Party people, in order to exert influence.

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Informant advised that [redacted] spoke again concerning the Philadelphia District but utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

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FLO HALL spoke next and said that it was their opinion that the larger clubs function better. She said that it was agreed that each club would have a co-chairman and are planning to have one person in each club taking care of literature. She said that the biggest problem is education. She also commented that it had been proposed to have five, six or possibly seven people work with the educational director who in turn will work with a group of clubs. She said that the Party needs to devote more time to the Industrial Division and agreed that there had been differences of opinion regarding the Industrial Division. She said that "we" have a trade union commission that has not been functioning and she believes that it should and will function in the future. Informant noted that FLO HALL utilized the security of the blackboard considerably during the course of her remarks and as a result this information was not available to informant.

Meeting adjourned.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: OCT 21 1960

TO : SAC (100-4379)
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
BUFFALO DIVISION
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The following information was furnished on 10/10/60
by [redacted] A portion of the data from this source is of
interest to the New York Office since it concerns remarks
made by [redacted] Erie County CP Organizer, Upstate
New York CP Co-ordinator and member of the New York State
CP Committee, following his trip to New York City on 10/6/60,
where he attended a meeting of the State CP Committee. If
this information is reported, it should be suitably paraphrased
to avoid compromising the source:

14 - New York (1 - 100-118174, [redacted]
(1 - 100-16785, JIM JACKSON)
(1 - 100-23825, BEN DAVIS)
(1 - 100-16021, ARNOID JOHNSON) 100-80638-1)69
(1 - 100-15946, JIM TORMEY)
(1 - 100-129629, WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-48033, IRVING POTASH)
(1 - 100-13203, GEORGE MORRIS)
(1 - 100-68229, [redacted])
(1 - 100- [redacted], WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
(1 - 100- [redacted], CP LINE)
(1 - 100- [redacted], CP FUNDS)
(1 - 100- [redacted], CP MEMBERSHIP)
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[redacted] had previously reported that [redacted] traveled by plane to Albany, N. Y., on 10/5/60 and that he intended to leave Albany for New York City on the afternoon of 10/6/60. Source advised on 10/9/60 that [redacted] returned to Buffalo from New York City by plane on the evening of that date.

On the morning of 10/10/60, [redacted] conferred with his [redacted] at their residence [redacted] and he was informed by her that [redacted] had spent the weekend at Allegheny State Park that weekend and that their child was cared for by [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned to his [redacted] that [redacted] (Erie County CP Organizational Secretary), would be over for a conference with him later that morning.

During the middle of the morning, [redacted] called on [redacted] who told him of his recent trip to New York City. [redacted] said he had conferred with the lawyer [redacted] concerning the case of the 3 former steel workers against the Bethlehem Steel Company and the United Steelworkers of America.

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He said he also talked to the officials of the CP in New York and got them to agree to pay part of the legal fees.

[redacted] also told [redacted] that there were 2 points taken up on the agenda (of the State CP Committee), the first dealing with the CP line in the coming election. Source advised that [redacted] did not get around to mentioning the second issue.

[redacted] was critical of the political activity being carried on by the CP in the New York area, complaining that in Brooklyn where there are 300 CP members, they were unable to get 600 signatures on a petition. He attributed this failure to the fact that no one went out and worked on it. He mentioned that BEN DAVIS worked on the campaign in Harlem and that this is the only campaign the CP is carrying on. He said the campaign in New York City resulted in the obtaining of 5,000 signatures and that it succeeded in doing that well because it was conducted principally by [redacted] and ARNOLD JOHNSON, but the main result was that they failed to get enough signatures because they did not get enough help in the canvassing.

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[redacted] reverted to the current campaign to elect a Negro judge in Buffalo and [redacted] told him that the CP Poker Club met on Friday night, 10/7/60 and when [redacted] mentioned to the members of this club that the following Saturday was the last day for registration and he asked for the help of the members of this club, there was complete silence and no one volunteered to help.

[redacted] commented that he spoke at the meeting in New York on the work that the Party has been doing on the local Negro judge campaign. He also pointed out in New York City that two of his clubs have succeeded in placing "The Worker" on the public newsstands. He told them in New York City that people in the Buffalo area are confused over whether to support Vice President NIXON or Senator KENNEDY and that the CP in this area will have to develop its own independent party as it should have done long ago. [redacted] volunteered that "they" (apparently referring to New York State CP officials), have not decided who shall be entered for a particular political position and it appears that they are not going to come out with a united proposal at this time. He expected that this would have a demoralizing effect on the membership.

[redacted] mentioned that ARNOID JOHNSON gave a pretty good report considering the confused attitude of the CP on the current elections. It is believed that in New York City (apparently by CP officials), that KENNEDY is a greater danger to peace than is NIXON because he can command more support from labor in the "cold war." (WILLIAM Z.) FOSTER stated that the lack of any choice in the candidates for the Presidency reflects the weakness rather than the strength of Imperialism. FOSTER feels that the Party should not march behind the banners of MEANY and REUTHER, but should present the CP position to the masses of the workers.

[redacted] said that ARNOID JOHNSON's report was generally accepted. (JIM) TORMEY introduced a proposal in support of the NEC line in the state for which there were 10 "Yes" votes, 2 against and 16 abstentions. BILL ALBERTSON and several others were very upset.

[redacted] then generally discussed the strike situation at the General Electric Plant in Schenectady. He said that [redacted] was suppose to go up to Schenectady

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during the week of 10/9-15/60, but was subpoenaed to Washington, D. C., and will try to go up there later. [redacted] complained that the State CP had not even discussed the GE strike before he got there, but he arranged a meeting with (IRVING) POTASH, GEORGE MORRIS, [redacted] and several others.

[redacted] stated that there was talk in New York City about the McCarran Act and the CP Membership clause, but nothing definite has been decided. [redacted] said he thinks there will not be any mass roundups and that only the CP leadership will possibly be effected. [redacted] said that he believes that there will have to be a discussion and a position on this issue as the leadership is worried about it.

[redacted] notified [redacted] that there will be a CP Staff meeting on 10/11/60 at [redacted]

[redacted] said that the staff must go over the whole CP Club situation to guarantee that every club starts meeting. They will also have to decide whether to have a CP Board meeting on 10/15/60.

[redacted] mentioned further that he has to contact [redacted] at her home. As [redacted] was prepared to leave, he told [redacted] that he might obtain a job with the City of Buffalo to tide him over until something else comes up.

[redacted] conferred with [redacted] at latter's residence for about a half hour during the evening of 10/10/60. She informed [redacted] that [redacted] (Negro attorney active in the Negro judge campaign) has been asking questions about the background of [redacted] who has been helping in the campaign. [redacted] told [redacted] that she should inform [redacted] has been working in various groups.

[redacted] asked [redacted] what decisions were made as a result of a conference with Attorney [redacted] [redacted] said that he [redacted]

[redacted] contacted [redacted] who claimed to be very busy as the legal counsel for CASTRO. The attorney explained that he needed \$500 more so that he could get another lawyer to work on research as he did not have time to

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do it himself. He said it would cost about \$3,000 to take the case as far as the Supreme Court and that the union (USWA) has been in touch with him several times and has gone to the company (Bethlehem Steel) to get the jobs back for the 3 former steel workers. The company refused and the union proposed a cash settlement of about \$500 each. [redacted] said he is going to raise the \$500, but believes that something should be done in Buffalo to raise money. [redacted] said that he has been thinking of putting ads in the local papers announcing that "The Worker" is available on the newsstands and may also try to get a few minutes of radio time. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] try to get a round table discussion on Freedom of the Press with [redacted] a representative of "The Worker". [redacted] thought this was a good idea and if he can get time on TV he will distribute slingers announcing to the people that he will speak as the Chairman of the Erie County CP.

RECOMMENDATION:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-30638)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP
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(OOI: NY)

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a letter dated October 25, 1960 from the CPUSA National Organization Bureau to District Chairman and Organizational Secretaries concerning a registration of Party membership to be conducted between November 14, 1960 and the end of the year.

NY 634-53 is the confidential source mentioned and the material was furnished by him to SA ALEXANDER C. GUNNISON on October 31, 1960. Photostats were made of the letter furnished by the informant, the original being returned to him. One Photostat of the letter is furnished the Director as an enclosure for its information.

This memorandum has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information from a source the unauthorized disclosure of which could seriously hamper the investigation of the CPUSA. Such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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New York, New York
November 1, 1960

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Re: Communist Party, U. S. A.
Membership
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has made available a copy of a letter dated October 25, 1960, from the National Organization Bureau of the Communist Party, U. S. A. (CPUSA) addressed to District Chairmen, and District Organizational Secretaries.

The letter noted that the above-mentioned Bureau, with the approval of the Communist Party (CP) Secretariat had decided on a national registration in 1960. This was believed necessary to provide information on the membership and its composition and such information would benefit the national organization as well as the districts. Registration would be conducted following the elections, starting November 14, 1960 and concluding by the end of December.

A sample blank was furnished with this letter with the suggestion that it be duplicated by club organizers. It was said that in most cases the registration can be carried on by the club chairman, who with the aid of one or more individuals, possesses nearly all information requested. The instruction was given that the information is to be compiled on a single sheet and should be forwarded to the National Office in the same way as dues payments. It was also suggested that the club information form be supplied.

With the object of increasing CP membership by ten per cent compared to one year before, it was recommended that there be discussion of the Party organization resolution of the 17th National Convention which was published in "Political Affairs" in March, 1960. Each club is to reach members during the registration to bring about participation.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Re: Communist Party, U. S. A.
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in club activities and obtain payment of dues to the end of the year. Clubs are to discuss new recruits as well as individuals who can be returned to the Party.

The form suggested in this letter for the compilation of information on individual members, asks for the age, sex and occupation of the member, his length of time in the CP including the youth movement, the name of the union in which he holds membership, any other organizations to which he belongs and his national origin. He is asked whether he reads "The Worker" or "The People's World" and whether he gets either publication by subscription, at a newsstand, by home delivery or at a club meeting. He is also asked if he is a reader of "Political Affairs," how often he attends club meetings and whether his dues are paid to the end of the year. The form to be returned by the club provides for an indication of the total of members registered which is to include those who have been in good standing, those who have returned to the Party and new recruits. The club is also asked to indicate how many of its members are paid up in dues through December. The club is asked whether it holds meetings monthly or semi-monthly, how many members have been recruited in 1960 and what the membership was in December, 1959, if this figure is available.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly newspaper.

"The People's World" is a West coast Communist weekly newspaper.

The April, 1959 issue of "Political Affairs" is self-described as a monthly magazine presenting the viewpoint of Marxism-Leninism.

The same publication identified itself as "a Theoretical and Political Magazine of Scientific Socialism."

While under direct examination as a defense witness in United States versus Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Et Al, Criminal Docket C136-7, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, on October 20, 1952, Flynn testified that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the CP of the United States and has been such since the magazine was "set up" in 1945.

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October 25, 1960

TO: District Chairmen
District Organizational Secretaries

Dear Comrades:

The National Organizational Bureau with the approval of the National Secretariat of our Party decided to conduct a National Registration of our organization this year. We believe this is necessary so as to give us information on the membership and its composition. This information will be of benefit to the national organization as well as the respective districts.

It is proposed that this drive be conducted following the elections. It should start November 14 and be concluded by the end of December. This period of six weeks should be sufficient to carry through this registration of our Party.

We are sending you a sample blank. This should be used to duplicate your own forms to be given to club organizers. In a majority of cases the registration can be carried through by the club chairman. This comrade, with the aid of one or more individuals, possesses nearly all the information requested. Where this information is lacking the individual should be asked to supply it. This will expedite the registration.

This information should be compiled on a single sheet which should be made available to the center. You should arrange to get it to us as you do dues payments. We would appreciate receiving the club information form.

We have already written to you concerning the proposals for party consolidation and growth - with the objective of increasing our membership by 10% as compared to a year ago. We summarize below these recommendations:

1. A discussion by all clubs on the Party organization resolution of the 17th Convention. It appeared in the March 1960 Political Affairs. Reprints will be sent to Districts.
2. Each club to reach all its members during the registration for discussion and participation in the club, to obtain dues payments to end of year.
3. Clubs to discuss specifically new recruits as well as individuals who can be won back again to our Party.
4. The total should be considered as the objective to be reached by the end of the registration period.

In planning this activity we have held recently an enlarged organization commission meeting in New York which included representatives from the east coast districts and the organization secretary from Illinois. Similar considerations are being given by the mid-west districts. Other districts, among them on the west coast, should plan similar meetings in their respective districts.

We would appreciate progress reports as the activity unfolds in the districts.

Fraternally yours,

National Organization Bureau,
COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

Club _____ District _____

Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Length of time in party (including youth movement) _____

Occupation _____

Name of union you belong to _____

National origin _____

List organizations you belong to _____

Do you read The Worker
Peoples World _____

Do you get it by Sub _____

Newsstand _____

Home delivery _____

At club meeting _____

Do you read Political Affairs _____

How often do you attend club meetings _____

Are you paid up in dues to end of year _____

Club Form

Club _____ District _____

We have registered a total of _____ members. This includes old standing,
returned to Party and new recruits.

_____ are paid up in dues through December.

Our club meets twice a month _____ once a month _____

We have recruited _____ new members in 1960.

Our membership in December 1959 was _____ (Please give this figure if
possible.)

Remarks:

October 31, 1960

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-62)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12176)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
BALTIMORE DIVISION
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised October 23, 1960, that on October 27, 1960, a Maryland - D. C. CP District Board meeting took place at Baltimore, Maryland.

At the above meeting GROUN MEYERS, Chairman of the District, and a CP National Executive Committee member, brought out some printed forms which concerned registration of all Party members. MEYERS said that this should be handled by November 14, 1960.

MEYERS went on to say that the Party had been discussing this for some time and that he wanted the matter brought up in all clubs, handled, and the papers returned to New York as quickly as possible.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
DECI : SAC, WASH (100-721)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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[redacted] on 10/31/68, made available
to SA [redacted] a letter dated 10/25/68, from the
National Organization Bureau, CP, USA. The letter concerns
a national registration of the CP to start 11/14/68, and
conclude by the end of December. The letter enclosed two
forms to be used in the registration.

Original copies of the letter and the two forms
are enclosed for the Bureau and New York.

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Reference: Bureau letter to Albany, cc to all offices,
dated 10/10/60, captioned as above.

All agents assigned to the investigation of security matters have been advised of the data contained in the memorandum of CP - USA, dated 9/30/60, sent as an enclosure with Bureau letter of reference. In addition, all Security Informants, PSI and other logical sources have been alerted to the proposed national registration of CP - USA. Any pertinent data received from informants, sources and through investigation will be brought to the attention of the Bureau at once.

In the past, the New York Office has forwarded pertinent information received from its informants and sources concerning membership, dues payments, and recruiting efforts. In this regard, the data received from NY 2002-S* has been most helpful to this office. It is requested that any such data received by New York Office be expeditiously furnished to this office during the next three months in order that the investigation of the New Haven Office concerning this matter can be properly co-ordinated.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 11/9/60

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 10/20/60, at New York, reflects activity of the CP, USA for the quarterly period 7/1/60 to 9/30/60. Details of such activity may be

1-NY (100-80641) (CPUSA - Organization) (415)
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1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - Security Measures) (415)
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - Underground Operations) (415)
1-NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - Factionalism) (415)
1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - International Relations) (415)
1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - United Nations) (415)
1-NY (100-87212) (CPUSA - Colonial Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-79717) (CPUSA - Political Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-80636) (CPUSA - Legislative Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-89691) (CPUSA - Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
1-NY (100-89590) (CPUSA - Strategy In Industry) (415)
1-NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - Negro Question) (415)
1-NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - Youth Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - Women Matters) (415)
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1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - Cultural Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - Veterans Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - National Groups) (415)
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - Religion) (415)
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - Education) (415)
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - Attempts of CP To Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (415)
1-NY (100-140277) (CP Interest In Puerto Rican Independence) (415)
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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
NEGRO QUESTION
YOUTH MATTERS
NATIONAL GROUPS
RELIGION
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
EDUCATION
CP INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

No pertinent information concerning the following
was developed for inclusion in the above report:

SECURITY MEASURES
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
COLONIAL MATTERS
LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
WOMEN MATTERS
FARMERS MATTERS
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
VETERANS MATTERS
ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS

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Date 11-2-60

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For information

For appropriate action

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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

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ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
 AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1960

The following figures are set out according to states and
 territory, field divisions and Communist Party districts.

MEMBERSHIP IN STATES AND TERRITORIES

Alabama	4	Maine	3	Pennsylvania	173
Alaska	0	Maryland	37	Rhode Island	0
Arizona	23	Massachusetts	90	S. Carolina	0
Arkansas	0	Michigan	210	S. Dakota	23
California	1,005	Minnesota	136	Tennessee	0
Colorado	2	Mississippi	0	Texas	32
Connecticut	34	Missouri	47	Utah	27
Delaware	3	Montana	22	Vermont	0
District of Columbia	9	Nebraska	9	Virginia	10
Florida	38	Nevada	0	Washington	234
Georgia	5	New Hampshire	4	N. Virginia	9
Hawaii	0	New Jersey	199	Wisconsin	121
Idaho	15	New Mexico	6	Wyoming	0
Illinois	695	New York	2,015	<u>Territory</u>	
Indiana	56	N. Carolina	2	Puerto Rico	12
Iowa	10	N. Dakota	29	<u>Total</u>	5,431
Kansas	6	Ohio	163		
Kentucky	0	Oklahoma	12		
Louisiana	13	Oregon	50		

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	23	Houston	5	Oklahoma City	12
Albuquerque	0	Indianapolis	56	Omaha	19
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	6	Philadelphia	130
Atlanta	5	Kansas City	9	Phoenix	23
Baltimore	40	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	57
Birmingham	1	Little Rock	0	Portland	50
Boston	105	Los Angeles	623	Richmond	7
Buffalo	76	Louisville	0	St. Louis	44
Cuttie	37	Memphis	0	Salt Lake City	17
Charlotte	2	Miami	22	San Antonio	3
Chicago	402	Milwaukee	121	San Diego	32
Cincinnati	17	Minneapolis	229	San Francisco	260
Cleveland	146	Hobart	3	San Juan	13
Dallas	14	Newark	100	Savannah	0
Denver	3	New Haven	34	Seattle	234
Detroit	210	New Orleans	13	Springfield	3
El Paso	5	New York	1,920	Tampa	10
Honolulu	0	Norfolk	3	Washington Field	9

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5,431

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>STATE DIVISION OR SECTION</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT	241	Connecticut	34
Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District	100	PENNSYLVANIA (CITY SECTION) DELAWARE	100
Illinois District	405	ILLINOIS (EXCLUDING EAST ST. LOUIS AREA) IOWA (EXCLUDING D. C. SECTION)	405
Indiana District	34	KANSAS	34
Maryland-D. C. District	40	WISCONSIN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	37
Michigan District	210	MISSOURI	210
Mississippi District	250	NEBRASKA OMAHA	250
Louisiana District	50	MISSOURI SHREVEPORT NEW ORLEANS MONROVIA	50
Acadia District	23	Arkansas	22
New England District	102	VERMONT VANCOUVER NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW BRUNSWICK CAPE BRETON	102
New Jersey District	190	NEW JERSEY	190
New York District	5,015	NEW YORK	5,015
Northern California District	243	CALIFORNIA (EXCLUDING N. CALIF. SANTA BARBARA SECTION)	243
Southwest District	210	ARIZONA NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE	210
Ohio District	304	OHIO NEW YORK (CANTON SECTION)	304

DISTRICTS (Continued)

Califano-Lemans District

12

Group District

24

**Southern California
District**

40

Southern Region

20

**Western Region
District**

40

Alameda District

121

**California City
District**

50

**Central California
District**

50

**Los Angeles
District**

150

**Orange County
District**

50

**San Joaquin
District**

50

**San Luis Obispo
District**

50

Sacramento District

10

Total

540

**Califano
District**

12

Group

24

**California (including all
counties north of San
Luis Obispo and Kern counties)**

137

Alameda

10

Califano

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Cooper

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Louisville

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Marin

10

San Joaquin

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**San Luis Obispo (including all
counties south of San Luis
Obispo and Kern counties)**

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Yerba Buena

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Constituents (Continued)

46

Constituents

221

Alameda

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Constituents

CONFIDENTIAL - 100% SECURITY - 100% CONFIDENTIAL (Continued)

	1974	1975	1976-60	1976-61
Don Diego	41	41	41	41
Don Francisco	41	41	41	41
Don Juan	41	41	41	41
Donna	41	41	41	41
Donna	41	41	41	41
Donna	41	41	41	41
Donna	41	41	41	41
Washington Park	41	41	41	41
TOTALS	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: November 9, 1960

FROM ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 10-10-60, pertaining to the proposed 1961 national registration of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA).

There is enclosed for each office a copy of a letter from the CPUSA National Organization Bureau to District Chairmen and Organizational Secretaries. This letter refers to the Party's 1961 national registration and should be read by all Agents assigned to the investigation of the CPUSA.

As a result of the letter from the CPUSA National Organization Bureau, it can be anticipated that Party leaders in your division will be contacting current and former members, as well as recruits, in an effort to register them as current members; to renew their interest in Party affairs and to get their dues in a current status.

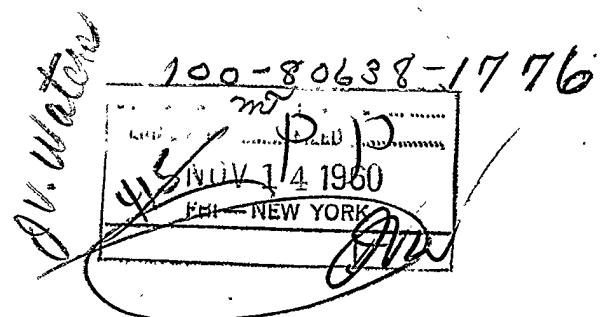
This is the first national registration drive planned by the CPUSA in several years, and the Bureau feels it will provide an excellent opportunity to develop complete up-to-date membership figures. The action taken by Party leaders to comply with the instructions of the Party's National Organization Bureau will enable you to obtain an over-all picture of the CP membership in your territory.

The Bureau should be advised no later than 11-21-60 as to what plans have been placed in operation or contemplated in order to capitalize on this national registration of Party members. You should identify and concentrate on those individuals who will conduct the registration and maintain the registration records.

Enclosure

2 - All Offices (Enclosure) ✓

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Letter to Albany
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
100-3-68

Consideration should be given to the development of security informants and sources who will make available the registration information being compiled. Case files on individuals most likely to participate in the registration should be placed in a pending status during this period to assure maximum coverage of their activities. These individuals should be identified in your letter of 11-21-60.

Your efforts to obtain complete up-to-date membership data during the registration period will be closely followed by the Bureau. The success of this venture will be indicative of the effectiveness of your security investigations.

October 25, 1960

TO: District Chairmen
District Organizational Secretaries

Dear Comrades:

The National Organizational Bureau with the approval of the National Secretariat of our Party decided to conduct a National Registration of our organization this year. We believe this is necessary so as to give us information on the membership and its composition. This information will be of benefit to the national organization as well as the respective districts.

It is proposed that this drive be conducted following the elections. It should start November 14 and be concluded by the end of December. This period of six weeks should be sufficient to carry through this registration of our Party.

We are sending you a sample blank. This should be used to duplicate your own forms to be given to club organizers. In a majority of cases the registration can be carried through by the club chairman. This comrade, with the aid of one or more individuals, possesses nearly all the information requested. Where this information is lacking the individual should be asked to supply it. This will expedite the registration.

This information should be compiled on a single sheet which should be made available to the center. You should arrange to get it to us as you do dues payments. We would appreciate receiving the club information form.

We have already written to you concerning the proposals for party consolidation and growth - with the objective of increasing our membership by 10% as compared to a year ago. We summarize below these recommendations:

1. A discussion by all clubs on the Party organization resolution of the 17th Convention. It appeared in the March 1960 Political Affairs. Reprints will be sent to Districts.
2. Each club to reach all its members during the registration for discussion and participation in the club, to obtain dues payments to end of year.
3. Clubs to discuss specifically new recruits as well as individuals who can be won back again to our Party.
4. The total should be considered as the objective to be reached by the end of the registration period.

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In planning this activity we have held recently an enlarged organization commission meeting in New York which included representatives from the east coast districts and the organization secretary from Illinois. Similar considerations are being given by the mid-west districts. Other districts, among them on the west coast, should plan similar meetings in their respective districts.

We would appreciate progress reports as the activity unfolds in the districts.

Fraternally yours,

National Organization Bureau,
COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

11/18/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

MEMBERSHIP

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ReBulet, 11/9/60.

The NYO expects to obtain details of the results of the National registration drive of the CP, USA, scheduled from 11/14/60 to 12/31/60, through contact with NY 2002-S*, a source having access to files and records of the National Office and National leadership of the CP, USA, which are maintained at 23 West 20th St., NYC. This source has, in the past, produced information on such data as the CP, USA, had actually obtained. PHIL EART, National Organizational Secretary, has in the past been in possession of compilations of membership data according to NY 2002-S*. Also available for the same purpose is NY 1637-S*, a source having access to records maintained by EART at his residence.

Within the organization of the New York District CP, past experience supports the belief that WILLIAM ALBERTSON (Organizational Secretary) will have responsibility for compiling the membership registration data on a district-wide basis. That is, the several county and upstate membership directors will assemble periodically registration information for their respective organizations and forward this to ALBERTSON at the District headquarters.

Registration information maintained by ALBERTSON, it is expected, will be obtainable through NY 2017-S*, a source having access to the NY District office. This source will be contacted on a periodic basis. Reports by ALBERTSON on the progress of the registration to the District Board will be furnished by [redacted] and NY 2358-S*. Any report to the District Committee, at any meeting of the District Committee

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held during the period of this registration, on its progress, will be furnished by [redacted] and such other coverage as may be feasible.

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Therefore, WILLIAM ALBERTSON is regarded by the NYO as the primary source for registration data on a District-wide basis and consequently will receive the above organizational concentration by the NYO.

In addition, the investigation of [redacted] (NY 100-88013, Bufile 100-355946) who holds at last report the position of Membership Director, NY District CP, will be placed in a pending status to determine her participation in this registration and what registration information she may handle, through contact with [redacted]

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 11/18/60

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-4457)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 11/9/60 which sets forth data relating to
1961 CP registration of members by respective party leaders.

As the Bureau is aware, the estimated CP membership of the Atlanta Division continues to be five members. Two of these five members are active with a CP group in California, even though they currently reside in Georgia for nine months of the year. Of the other three persons estimated to be members, two are of such low intellect that it is doubtful that the Party would entrust such a task to them; the remaining individual has avoided public contact, identification with, or association with the Party for many years.

As previously reported, there are no known CP leaders residing in Georgia and there have been none since August, 1950. New York and Chicago top-level informants have, on several occasions, reported that the National Organization of the CP has lost all contact with the Party people in the State of Georgia. Last registration figures available through Chicago informant was for 1956, at which time three individuals were registered.

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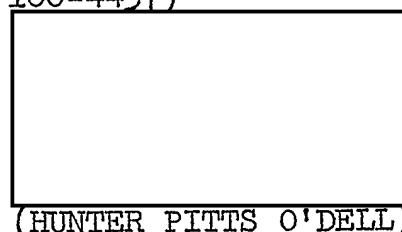

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AT 100-4457

In line with the Party's reorganization efforts, the Georgia area is included in the Southern Region of the Party, and GEORGE MYERS of Baltimore, Md., has been designated the task of reorganizing the South. In line with this, it is considered that MYERS would logically be the individual to register Party members in the South; however, MYERS has intimated he is going to limit his organizational activities to the States of Tennessee, Virginia, North and South Carolina in addition to Maryland. MYERS also has advised that Florida and Texas would operate independently due to their relative organizational stability in membership. No information has been received indicating who would be in charge of organizing and properly registering CP members in Georgia.

It is considered logical that whoever registers members in Alabama or Louisiana will also register members in Georgia. From past experience, it is believed that two persons who might logically perform this task are [redacted] or HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, both of whom were last reported residing in the New York City area.

The Atlanta Office plans to alert neighborhood sources on those five individuals estimated to be CP members in an effort to learn of visitors or unusual contacts with these people during this period. Contact will be maintained with these neighborhood sources on the following individuals: [redacted]

[redacted] None of these [redacted] individuals are considered Party leaders who would be called upon for registering CP members.

It is believed more likely that [redacted] or O'DELL will, during the next few weeks, make a trip through Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi for this purpose.

In line with the concentrated effort directed toward this end of determining registration data, confidential sources and techniques will be considered and utilized when feasible on any individual who it is estimated is of sufficient leadership importance in the Party that he may be registering members.

There are no case files being opened on individuals in the Atlanta territory as none of these known persons residing here are considered likely to participate in this accumulation of registration data.

AT 100-4457

New York Office is requested through available informants, if any, to ascertain whether or not HUNTER PITTS O'DELL or HOSEA HERMAN HUDSON contemplate any trips during the near future to the Southern Region. In the event informants who can furnish this type of information are unavailable, it is suggested that neighborhood sources, if any, be contacted to determine whether HUDSON and O'DELL are still in the New York area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

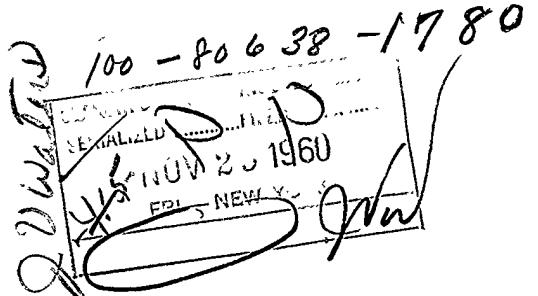
DATE: November 25, 1960

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 11-9-60 pertaining to the 1961
national registration of members of the Communist
Party (CP), USA.

In connection with this matter, you
should remain alert when processing material
received from sources having access to CP
national headquarters for any pertinent information
concerning current membership tabulations on a
district or national level.



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: November 15, 1960

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED]	10/27/60 CP District Board Meeting	10/28/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

For assistance in reviewing report a number in parenthesis () following a name or title set forth below will indicate that there is a reference to that name or title on the page or pages whose number will be enclosed in the parenthesis; where no number is set out it is suggested that the entire report be reviewed for information on the subject matter.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

6 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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CP, SOUTHERN REGION (4)

FUNDS (4,6)

FACTIONALISM (8)

SWP (8)

1 - Denver (REGISTERED MAIL)

[REDACTED]
8 - WFO (REGISTERED MAIL)

ORGANIZATION (5,6,7,8)

FACTIONALISM (7,8)
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (7)

28 - Baltimore

100-10975 [REDACTED]

100-12076 [REDACTED]

100-10584 [REDACTED]

100-12412 [REDACTED]

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ORGANIZATION

100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS (1,3,9)
100-11800 BRIEF FILE (1)
100-15241 SOBELL COMMITTEE (2,8)
100-12458 FACTIONALISM (3,4,5,6)
100-12170 MEMBERSHIP (1,3)
100-11640 FUNDS (3,4,6,7,9)
100-12470 NATIONAL GROUPS (4)
100-20475 CP, SOUTHERN REGION (4)
100-21896 COMINFIL NALC (5)
100-12070 SECURITY MEASURES (7,9)

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Reports of [redacted] reflect that the person referred to in instant report as living at [redacted] is a member of the [redacted]

A 100-new case has been opened on [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT C. NORTON on October 28, 1960, that it is his opinion that the [redacted] (Phonetic) mentioned on Page 8 of instant report is [redacted]

[redacted] on October 31, 1960, furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON copies of the registration literature mentioned on Page 3 of instant report. Informant said [redacted] on October 30, 1960. It consisted of a letter dated October 25, 1960, addressed to "District Chairman - District Organizational Secretaries" and signed "National Organization Bureau," CP, USA. It requested complete Party registration by the end of December and mentioned sample blanks attached. The other material furnished by informant were two blanks; one a "Club Form" which had a place for total number of members, amount of dues paid up, number of times a month the club met, number of members recruited in 1960 and membership in 1959. The other form was a questionnaire for the member to fill out showing club, age, sex, occupation, union, national origin, organization, Party literature read, club meetings attended and whether dues were paid up to date.

The letter and forms were Photostated October 31, 1960, by Clerk [redacted] and the originals returned to informant that same day. On November 7, 1960, informant initialed the Photostats to show they were identical with the originals. The Photostats are being filed in [redacted]

[redacted]
"Baltimore, Maryland
October 28, 1960

"The following report concerns a Maryland - D. C. CP
District Board meeting held October 27, 1960, at the home
of [redacted] CP District Board member, [redacted]
Maryland.

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Present at the meeting in addition to [redacted] were the following
District Board members:

[redacted]

[redacted] asked [redacted] whether [redacted] had told [redacted] of the
person. [redacted] said "No", that he had visited the woman
yesterday at [redacted] since he was in the
vicinity as a salesman. He said he thought that this might
be a good opportunity to bring someone back into the Party.

[redacted] The woman was quite friendly and after questioning said
that she knew MEYERS and knew him to be the Chairman of
the CP in Maryland. [redacted] said she told him that she was
originally from New York and had recently been in Denver,
Colorado. She said her husband had a position at Johns
Hopkins. She told [redacted] that they had been under pressure
for some time and did not want their names "dropped" home
publicly. MEYER, CP District Board member, [redacted]

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[redacted] Maryland [redacted] said the woman told him that she was not a CP member
at the present time and could not openly support Party following
activities and members.

[redacted] said that she was quite upset when he told her that
GEORGE MEYERS lived across the street from her and he told him
that he would contact MEYERS and tell him not to visit.

[redacted] said she told him that her child was in a predominantly
Negro school and that GEORGE MEYERS' child was the only
other white child in the class for about three months
and had attended a [redacted] to know the background
[redacted] then said that he wanted [redacted]

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[redacted]
on this woman and he felt certain that she had been a CP member in the past.

They then discussed what should be brought up at the District Board meeting that evening and upon inquiry from [redacted] said that he felt that [redacted] lack of activity should be brought up for discussion but that he would leave it up to MEYERS and [redacted] to start the discussion.

After arrival at [redacted] the two of them talked briefly with [redacted]. She mentioned that a woman named [redacted] had contacted her and told her that she was ready to fight the HCUA.

MEYERS arrived about 9:15 p.m. and the meeting got under way in the kitchen about 9:30 p.m. MEYERS then took a lot of literature out and showed them forms which concerned registration for Party members which was to be worked on in November. MEYERS said that the Party had been discussing registration for some time and he wanted the questionnaires distributed in all CP clubs, filled out and returned to New York as soon as possible.

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MEYERS then went into a lengthy talk which indicated his dissatisfaction with the operations of the Party locally.

He complained that little had been done in Trade Union matters, that the organizational structure of the Party was weak and the Organizational Commission not functioning. He said he was particularly anxious to have something done in the old Northwest CP Section, now known as the CP Community Section. He said he did not know what was going on in [redacted] CP Club nor in the club of [redacted] Chairman of a CP Community Section club and a temporary District Board member.

MEYERS then said that he felt that [redacted] work was hampering the operation of the District. [redacted] replied that her club was functioning, that they had a pretty enthusiastic meeting recently and that she was doing her best under the circumstances. MEYERS then resumed his talk stating that the financial situation of the CP was poor, both locally and countrywide. He said locally as he understood it there was no money in the treasury and that in the future at least \$150 a month would have to be

raised to have the District operate.

MEYERS then commented that he had contacted some CP Community Section members the previous week with [redacted] and these members which included [redacted]

[redacted] told him that they were dissatisfied with the club since it was all Jewish.

MEYERS then said that he felt that nothing had been done in the Northwest because of [redacted] situation at home and he felt that [redacted] should be made responsible for the entire Northwest Section until it got back on its feet.

MEYERS then said that he had been assigned by the National Secretariat to work in the South for the Party and had been paid at first for these trips but received no pay on his last trip. He again pointed out that the financial situation of the Party in general was poor. He said he did not expect Baltimore to pay for his trip South; he just wanted the District Board to understand the situation.

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MEYERS then pointed out to [redacted] that the last letters from New York addressed to National Committee members had stressed the need for saving money.

After MEYERS finished there was silence for a few minutes and then MEYERS asked [redacted] what she thought about transferring [redacted] to other CP clubs. [redacted] said she didn't know.

MEYERS then suggested that all of the CP members in Northwest be called together and at that time proposed that [redacted] be put in charge.

[redacted] then said that he thought [redacted] would be all right for the position but reminded MEYERS that he was on a new job and might be too busy.

[redacted] then said he was in favor of anything that would get the Party organized and funds collected. He pointed out that the CP Steel and CP Ship Clubs were doing the work. He complained that although he was in charge of organization he had been unable to find out what was going on in Northwest

and said that he did not intend to make a false report at the next National Committee meeting.

MEYERS approved [redacted] attitude.

At this point the phone rang and [redacted] that he would be unable to attend the meeting that evening and asked them to come to his house. After discussion the group decided not to leave since it was late.

After a few minutes more silence, [redacted] said that since no one else apparently was going to pursue the subject, he was arguing to stress the lack of organizational work. He said it was not his fault as everyone knew and felt that it was primarily due to persons accepting responsibility and then not carrying out their obligation. He said that the time had come for criticism and self-criticism.

At this point [redacted] became very angry, said that it was a personal attack and said that [redacted] had never tried to contact her for organizational work.

[redacted] then replied that the proof was otherwise and that he refused to resign as District Organizer because he intended to carry out the job. He pointed out that in all other fields except Northwest he had been successful and mentioned the NALC and his recent efforts to get something going in Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] then said that they all knew her situation with her mother being ill and that she could not get out easily. She said that objections to her work should have been raised earlier.

Upon inquiry from MEYERS, [redacted] said to [redacted] that he had to support [redacted] and that although [redacted] had some reason for inactivity, it was obvious to the membership that [redacted] had failed to attend social functions and that this was bad for the morale of the members.

[redacted] then praised [redacted] for his activity and obvious willingness to work. [redacted] then said if that's the way it was she would resign but she felt that they were all wrong and she thought that she had sufficient ability to handle the job.

[redacted] pointed out to her that he had defended her in the

[redacted]
past for her inactivity and had nothing personal against her.

MEYERS then said that if [redacted] wanted to resign, it was all right but he thought that she might be able to help. He suggested that once a month the secretary for each CP club picked up the CP dues, CP sustaining and literature money and then meet with [redacted] so that the Party could get a good picture of the funds situation. He said that at this meeting [redacted] could discuss with them how to advance and build the Party. He added that when [redacted] was not able to meet with the secretaries, [redacted] could substitute. He then added that [redacted] be temporarily released from District Board duty.

[redacted] then said that she would agree to substitute for [redacted] in such a situation if she had the time.

The four then agreed to set up the monthly meeting as suggested by MEYERS and that [redacted] or his substitute make a report to the District Board and then on a quarterly basis make a report to the membership on funds.

[redacted] then said that she could not accept a temporary release from the District Board.

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After a few moments silence MEYERS called on [redacted] who in turn said that they would have to accept [redacted] resignation. MEYERS then upon inquiry from [redacted] said he had no choice.

MEYERS then said that the books and records should be transferred to [redacted] then said that she would get the money and records immediately and give them to [redacted]

[redacted] then suggested that MEYERS finish his talk first and then have [redacted] give a report on the recent visit paid to Washington, D. C.

MEYERS then said that as he said before \$150 a month was needed to run the Party locally and he had some assurance from New York that CP Headquarters would help the Party locally. If necessary though, it could not be guaranteed.

MEYERS then said that extra money would have to be raised and

[redacted]
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he was thinking of approaching [redacted] on this since [redacted] had connections with people locally who had contributed money to the Party and "not so long ago." MEYERS said he didn't know how to ask [redacted] to approach these people but thought that sums of \$20, \$50 or even \$100 could be obtained for the Party. He thought [redacted] could get them approximately \$300 right away.

MEYERS then started to figure out the money being brought in by each club on a monthly basis. He said \$18 from steel and \$20 from ship.

Upon inquiry from MEYERS, [redacted] said she didn't know how much money her club could bring in but thought it might be \$13 to \$15.

MEYERS then said that it was plain that clubs could not raise enough and suggested to [redacted] that the two of them contact [redacted]

[redacted] hesitated and looked at [redacted] but the latter said he did not want to be involved since he had enough work to do of his own and that in all probability some of the persons to be approached would be security conscious. [redacted] said that he had in mind to visit [redacted] in Washington, D. C., to see if they were interested in the Party. He said if they turned out well, he would have MEYERS see them.

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[redacted] then gave a report on the visit he and [redacted] had made to [redacted], Washington, D. C., CP members. October 25, 1960. [redacted] said he was quite surprised that [redacted] Washington, D. C. CP Chairman and a District Board member, should be opposed to [redacted] suggestion that a CP club be formed. He said he was now convinced that [redacted] was not interested in building the Party.

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] had promised that a group of known Party people be assembled for the purpose of being addressed by MEYERS on the CP position in the elections.

MEYERS told [redacted] that if he went [redacted] would go with him.

MEYERS then said that he had feelings about the Washington, D. C. attitude but had never known them to express themselves so plainly before. [redacted] said they wouldn't have done it if it

hadn't been for [redacted]

[redacted] then asked MEYERS about the woman who lived at [redacted] and asked how she had been originally contacted by the Party.

MEYERS said that this woman had sent a letter to New York and that they advised her whom she should contact. She then contacted [redacted] CP Community Section member, and the person in charge of the Sobell Committee and [redacted] contacted MEYERS before seeing her personally. MEYERS said he told her that the woman was O. K.

[redacted] then commented that the woman did seem to have been either a member or close to the Party in the past.

MEYERS then said that he had been told that she had been a Party member but like a lot of others pulled out to "save her hide." MEYERS said it would be best to work with her as she wanted since she might be able to help the Sobell Committee.

MEYERS then commented that at the last CP National Executive Committee meeting Party work with all left-wing groups was discussed including working with the Trotskyites. He said some fear was expressed with regard to the latter group since they could work more freely because they were not under such severe attack from the Government. MEYERS commented that if the Party worked with the Trotskyites they might try to make over the Party. He said he would be willing to work with them but only up to a point.

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MEYERS then said that a woman named [redacted] living near him, was a Trotskyite. He said she had an article in the paper concerning peace and civil rights. He said someone had called her up who knew her and that he personally felt that the woman was O. K. but he could not agree with all her views.

[redacted] then volunteered to approach her on pretext as a salesman and after getting acquainted arranged to have [redacted] CP Community Section member, and himself visit her.

[redacted] then said that since she had resigned from the District Board, she was ready to give the list of people she had in her

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possession to [redacted] along with other records and the money.

MEYERS then interrupted saying that it was late and that [redacted] could stop by later and pick up the material.

MEYERS then took out \$18 which he said had been collected from the CP Steel Club for dues, literature, and sustaining money and gave it to [redacted]

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[redacted] then said that he had a bill for \$9, the money had been paid to [redacted] for printing CP political leaflets. He said that [redacted] was charging too much.

[redacted] then gave [redacted]

EANET then told the group that although no longer a District Board member she wanted to make it clear that she was still a CP member and ready to carry on club work.

The meeting then ended about 12:00 midnight.

MEYERS, [redacted] after leaving the house, then discussed [redacted] and decided that it had been for the best.

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MEYERS then commented that they would have to be more careful about contacting people since he felt that the FBI was contacting persons right after the Party was contacting them.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] if he could go to Annapolis the following Saturday but [redacted] objected, saying he had to work. [redacted] collected money and gave it to EANET. This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: December 1, 1960

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Communist Party, USA, membership figures for the quarterly period ending December 31, 1960, normally due at the Bureau no later than January 20, 1961, must be tabulated and furnished the Bureau by airtel as soon after December 31, 1960, as possible, and no later than January 6, 1961.

The airtel is to be submitted under the caption of this letter and must contain the data usually incorporated under the membership caption in the quarterly report, along with any necessary explanations relating to significant fluctuations in membership. In addition, the number of members positively and tentatively identified during the preceding twelve-month period must likewise be included.

Auxiliary offices are instructed to expeditiously furnish membership data to the offices of origin in order that the Bureau deadline of January 6, 1961, can be met.

The foregoing instructions do not in any way alter membership data to be set forth in the quarterly reports for the period ending December 31, 1960. In fact, the airtel should be a succinct duplication of membership data in the quarterly reports. It is imperative that all figures contained in the airtels agree completely with those in the quarterly reports.

This instruction for submission of membership figures relates only to the quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 1960, and will not be required in subsequent periods, UACB.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1897) (424) DATE: 12/5/60

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION
NATIONALITIES CLUB
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- New York (100-26776) (CHARLES DIRBA) (424) (P.3)

- New York (100-119303)

- New York (100-95097)

- New York (100-72926)

- New York (100-8033)

- New York (100-56835)

- New York (100-90565)

- New York (100-132599)

- New York (100-113643)

- New York (100-114956)

- New York (100-102887)

- New York (100-98523)

- New York (100-128815) (CP, USA, NYD, NEGRO QUESTION) (414) (P.3)

- New York (100-106495) (FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE) (415) (P.3)

- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415) (P.3)

- New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (415) (P.3)

- New York (100-26603-C42) (CP, USA, NYD, NY COUNTY) (421) (P.3)

- New York (100-26603-C1894) (CP, USA, NYD, UPPER EAST SIDE) (424) (P.3)

- New York (100-128817) (CP, USA, NYD, MEMBERSHIP) (414) (P.4)

- New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (415) (P.4)

- New York (100-141231) (YORKVILLE SAVE OUR HOMES COMMITTEE) (41) (P.4)

- New York (100-139647) (METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ON HOUSING) (41) (P.4)

- New York (100-80641) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION) (415) (P.4)

- New York (100-128814) (CP, USA, NYD, ORGANIZATION) (414) (P.4)

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Identity of Source

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Description of info

N Club, UES Section CP
meeting, 11/16/60 b7D

Date Received

11/18/60

Original Located

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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New York, New York
November 18, 1960

On Wednesday evening, at 8 15 pm November 16, 1960
a meeting of the Nationalities Club, Upper East Side Section
CP was held in the home of [redacted]
[redacted].

Those present were:

[redacted] a guest & former club member.
CHARLIE DIRBA
[redacted]

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Section. [redacted] speaker from the Upper East Side

[redacted] led a discussion on the Negro question in which
she said the struggle must begin with the Negro people. The CP
needs more Negroes in its membership.

The Negroes must prove first that they are capable
of helping themselves and they must take the initiative in
their struggle.

CHARLIE then spoke about the Upper East Side Section's
Freedom of the Press Committee Rally which will be held on Friday
evening, November 25, 1960 at 8 pm in the Estonian Hall, 2061
Lexington Ave., New York City. He said that JAMES JACKSON the
Worker editor will speak and also lead a question and answer

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session. CHARLIE announced that there will be no admission charge and further that there would be an exclusive showing of a very exciting foreign film which will surprise everyone. He said the affair will be open to all and those present are urged to bring all their friends so they will have a chance to assist in the maintainance of the weekly Worker. He explained the function of the Freedom of the Press Committee is to support the Worker in any way it can - primarily financially.

CHARLIE then, acting as the Club Organizer, passed out forms to use in reregistering all the club members into the CP. This form consisted of questions as follows:

1. First name
2. How long in the Party?
3. Kind of work?
4. Mass organization work?
5. Subscriber to Worker?
6. How is Worker bought?

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CHARLIE then collected all the forms on the spot. It is believed that everyone present registered with exception of [redacted] a guest from the section. CHARLIE said that 10 members of the N Club are now registered and he will call the homes of the remaining members. He did not discuss their names, however. CHARLIE is the N Club Organizer.

[redacted] then introduced a petition sponsored by the Metropolitan Council on Housing and the affiliate Yorkville Save Our Homes Committee. She discussed it briefly describing it as a petition to Gov. ROCKEFELLER asking for defeat of the pending legislation eliminating rent controls and other problems facing tenants in N.Y.C. She asked everyone there to sign however some left before they signed.

Those who signed are:

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CHARLES DIRBA. 2061 Lex. Av. N.Y.C.



CHARLIE DIRBA said he signed the petition listing the address of Estonian Hall by mistake, but he did not feel an erasure should appear on the petition.

The meeting ended.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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DATE: 12/6/60

ReNYlet, 10/6/60.

As of 12/1/60, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1941

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1- New York (100-26603) (NY State CP)(414)
1- New York (100-26603-C40) (Bronx)(421)
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1- New York (100-26603-C42) (New York)(424)
1- New York (100-26603-C43) (Kings)(422)
1- New York (100-26603-C44) (Westchester)(421)
1- New York (100-26603-C45) (Nassau)(423)
1- New York (100-132430) (Industrial Division)(42)
1- New York (100-80638) (CP, USA Membership)(415)
1- New York (100-128817)(414)

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(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	29
(3)	Number of members identified to date (12/1/59 - 12/1/60)	900
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	10
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date (12/1/59 - 12/1/60)	63

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns
in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification; "T"
represents tentative identifications.)

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Organization	Total 10/1/60 P/T	New Since 10/1/60 P/T	Deletions and Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 12/1/60 P/T	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	175/8	0/0	-26/-2	-26/-2	149/6	233
Kings County	163/8	5/1	-8/-4	-3/-3	160/5	310
Queens County	121/8	5/0	-4/-1	1/-1	122/7	150
NY County	259/6	9/4	-48/-3	-39/1	220/7	500
Nassau County	16/1	1/0	0/0	1/0	17/1	61
Westchester County	10/2	0/0	-7/-2	-7/-2	3/0	49
Industrial	220/40	9/5	0/-8	9/-3	229/37	638
	<hr/> 964/73	<hr/> 29/10	<hr/> -93/-20	<hr/> -64/-10	<hr/> 900/63	<hr/> 1941

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There is outlined below pertinent information received concerning the estimated current membership:

On 11/1/60 [redacted] advised that the Bronx County CP membership was then 233.

On 11/29/60 [redacted] advised the previous Kings County CP membership figure of 310 is still the best estimate.

[redacted] on 12/4/60 estimated the current membership for Queens County CP at 150.

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NY 1697-S*, on 10/17/60, furnished the estimated membership of the New York County CP as being 500.

[redacted] on 7/22/60 furnished an estimated membership of 61 for the Nassau County CP.

On 8/9/60, NY 2017-S* furnished the estimated membership of 49 for the Westchester County CP.

NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60 advised that at a meeting of the New York District CP staff held on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, estimated Industry's membership as approximately 638.

The increase of 21 in the total estimated membership is attributable to revision of the Queens County CP estimate from 136 to 150 and revision of the New York County CP estimate from 482 to 500 and the revision of the Industrial estimate from 637 to 638, against which was offset the decrease in estimate of the Bronx County membership from 245 to 233.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON DATE: 12/7/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603) (414)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - NEW YORK DISTRICT
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1 - Boston (100-) (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION) (INFO) (RM) (p. 4)

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1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415) (p. 2,3)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (415) (p. 2,3,4,5)
1 - NY 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (415) (p. 2)
1 - NY 100-9369 (TED BASSETT) (414) (p. 2)
1 - NY 100-82454
1 - NY 100-
1 - NY 100-79025
1 - NY 100-81286
1 - NY 100-118884
1 - NY 100-82206
1 - NY 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414) (p. 2)
1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414) (p. 2)
1 - NY 100-54555
1 - NY 100-126119
1 - NY 100-120054

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1 - NY 100-124975 [redacted] collected questionnaires and
donations at door, per [redacted]

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1 - NY 100-79717 (CPUSA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (415) (-. 2)
1 - NY 100-86624 (CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415) (p. 2,3)
1 - NY 100-87211 (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM) (415) (p. 3,4)
1 - NY 100-128821 (CPNYD - FACTIONALISM) (414) (p. 3)
1 - NY 100-128814 (CPNYD - ORGANIZATION) (414) (p. 2,3,4)
1 - NY 100-80638 (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (415) (p. 3)
1 - NY 100-128817 (CPNYD - MEMBERSHIP) (414) (-. 3)
1 - NY 100-132430 (CPNYD - INDUSTRIAL DIVISION) (42) (p. 3,4)

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NY 100-26603

Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: State Committee (CP) (NY)
meeting, 853 Broadway, NYC,
on 11/5/60

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Date received: 11/10/60

Received by: SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)

Original location: [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

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- 1 - NY 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (415) (p. 4,5)
- 1 - NY 100-31019 (COMINFIL OF LABOR UNIONS) (413) (-. 3,4)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (CPNYD - FUNDS) (414) (p. 2)
- 1 - NY 100-128813 (CPNYD - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS) (414) (p. 2,4)
- 1 - NY 100-54651 (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (415) (p. 5)
- 1 - NY 100-34632 (WATERFRONT SECTION) (414) (p. 5)

NY 100-26603

New York City
Nov. 7, 1960

State Committee Meeting C.P.U.S.A.

The State Committee of the Communist Party U.S.A. called a special meeting on Sat. Nov 5, 1960 at 853 B'way, New York City, starting at 10:00 A.M. with GUS HALL National Secty of the Communist Party U.S.A. rendering the special report of re-organization of the Communist Party.

Apparently there was 90-100 persons present at this meeting from all sections, regions, and industrial workers present.

Among those observed were PAUL ROBESON JR. TED BASSETT [redacted]

[redacted] CLARENCE HATHAWAY, WILLIAM
PATTERSON, [redacted] Comrade [redacted] of the Harlem
Section, Comrade [redacted] who collected
questionnaires & donations at the door.

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Comrade GUS HALL, gave a resume report on the up coming presidential election which he stated that the boycott position on the election must be rejected, however NIXON must be defeated. The Communist Party will not permit discussions of presendae election dis-rupt party. (2) No sides shall be taken. (3) Only discussion of theory and will not take side, a new look must be made at this imperialistic world.

How to handle discussions in the Communist Party. (a) Project thoughts in periodicals (b) Send questions or resolutions to top leadership, and ask for clarafication (c) There will be no splitting of the C.P. by Con & Pro approach.

The National Executive Committee was asked what to do about the Bucharest conference recent declaration & Peace manifesto. GUS HALL stated that this Bucharest conference conclusion is

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accepted by the National Executive Committee of the C.P.U.S.A. This Peace resolution was drafted based on the Theoretical of World Marxist Movement.

GUS HALL stated that on the task of reorganizing the whole structural of the C.P.U.S.A. which the top leadership, felt was too bulky, and suggested cutting down on, the composition of State, County, & Regional Committees, and directing this surplus of Workers into more clubs and industrial shops, the New York C.P. felt a suspicion of the leadership and whip the re-visionists into line by (2) rejecting the leadership proposals, and this brought about an unwholesome attitude in the New York sections of the C.P. That the New York section took a resistance policy of the National leadership. The role and power of the imperialists in this area must be understood and the National leadership has taken the right position

The policy of the National Leadership on internal questions are as follows

- (1) Proposal for the re-organization of the Communist Party.
- (2) There is a need for a fresh look at the Communist Party organization. The C.P. apparatus is too bulky, it must be thinned out. The Communist Party within itself is small. The bulk of the Communist Party membership is involved in servicing of this big C.P. apparatus. The best mends of the membership of the C.P. is involved in servicing this big apparatus of the Party, and not enough work is done at the club level. The New York C.P. organization is the bulkiest of all organization. The New York County Committee of the Manhattan region will not be abolished.

Industrial Workers, shop and Community Clubs are bases of the C.P. organization. In 1960, there was no C.P. shop clubs, only industrial clubs. A division of Industrial and non industrial is isolation, and this must be done away with. The

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C.P. must have shop clubs, this is basic. The C.P. must have more shop and Community Clubs, and fractions on the left in unions. This National Leadership proposal was rejected thru-out. This resistance to C.P. leadership policy is not the way. Reorganization policies are these, summed up in these points. (a) Sustained and continuous activities must be carried on. (b) C.P. must have a long range outlook for the future of C.P. work i.e. recent election campaign, set up of candidates, petitions, street meetings, & meeting people of the community, then no follow up. The conduct of C.P. leaders must not be in doubt, as to who is who. The Standard of conduct of the membership of the C.P. is very low, and the C.P. shall not stand for this. New York and New England comrades rejected the C.P. leaders resolution on reorganization. The C.P. is small and it is a working party, for the enemy is trying to wipe out the C.P.

Vanguard role of the C.P. (a) Role of the C.P. shall varies according to situation, and not static. (b) Open role is part of vanguard role. Expression of C.P. is some situation is open, but in other secretive, this is a realistic role. C.P. must take utmost care in open role. Independent role, don't have to be open. C.P. must not separate mass & Independent role, they go hand in hand. Comrades role in mass movement must be instructed minutely. The use of the Worker in mass movement is important. All C.P. members should be trained for leadership.

Democratic Centralization, must take the leninist Concept, which takes 2 parts. All parts must be serviced, must be democratic, have contact with masses, and the right of criticism. Orderly criticism, bring forth helpful suggestions. (2) The lower body of the C.P. apparatus, must follow the higher body. Minority must be subordinate to the majority. Minority must not mobilize the membership against the leadership.

The Role of the leaders, National leadership must lead local apparatus. The C.P. must have proper appreciation for its

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The Worker - (1) Press must be developed. (2) Clubs must have workers groups & city wide distribution

The following is suggested

Each builder of the press, must give at least 2 hrs a week to Worker.

Builders must get 12 subs a yr. or 1 a month

Concentration policy.

(a) Change the roots of the C.P.

(b) Roots must be with the working class, Negro & Puerto Ricans people

The Waterfront & Transportation is a focal point for the concentration points, build C.P. around these points.

Plans of action

(1) Proposal from leadership (2) planning (3) Execution. The C.P. must have a healthy atmosphere in order to grow

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On Saturday afternoon, 11/19/60, commencing at approximately 2:30 PM, a National Steel Commission meeting, (NSC) of the CP, USA was held at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. This is a residence of an elderly couple who were present in the home during the meeting, however, they did not participate in the meeting as such.

The following individuals were in attendance at this NSC meeting:

Flo Hall, representing the CP, Illinois District.

[redacted] representing the CP, Illinois District.

Lucious Armstrong, representing the CP, Illinois District.

[redacted] representing the Illinois CP District.

[redacted] representing the Indiana CP District.

Anthony Krehmarek, representing the Ohio CP District.

[redacted] Ohio,

representing the Ohio CP District.

[redacted] Ohio,

representing the Ohio CP District.

Emanuel Blum, representing the Indiana CP District.

[redacted] representing the CP from [redacted]

Mayland.

[redacted] representing the CP from

[redacted] Maryland.

Irving Potash, representing the National Offices of
the CP, USA.

[redacted] Pennsylvania,

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representing the Western Pennsylvania CP
District.

[redacted] is described as a [redacted] 5'8" tall,
345 lbs., approximately [redacted] years of age, brown skin, residence
[redacted] Maryland.

[redacted] is
described as a [redacted] 5'8" tall, 175 lbs., approximately
[redacted] years of age. [redacted] has a full head of brown hair, large
[redacted] works for the Bethlehem
Steel Company. He drove from [redacted] Ohio, and dropped his
wife off at Valparaiso, Indiana, in order to visit some of her
relatives.

The unknown subject from Pittsburgh representing
the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, is described as
a [redacted] 5'7" tall, somewhere in his early [redacted]. He has
a faint pock-marked face and his hair is balding on top.

[redacted] Ohio, was
selected as Chairman for this meeting. Anthony Kuchmarek,
Chairman of the NSC, delivered the principal report for this
meeting. The topics on the agenda included 1. Economic Report;
2. Unemployment, 3. Union elections (United Steel Workers of
America), 4. Communist Party position with regard to the above
mentioned topics.

Report of Anthony Fischbeck

David J. McDonald, President of the United Steel Workers of America (USWA), estimated that prior to the last steel strike, 150,000 steel workers would be laid off. An additional 150,000 steel workers are unemployed at the present time due to cut backs in personnel at the basic steel plants. The remaining 435,000 steel workers employed at the present time, are principally on a part time employment basis.

During 1950, 96,000,000 tons of steel were produced by the steel industry, which was then operating at 97% capacity. In 1960, 100,000,000 tons of steel will be produced with the steel plants operating at only 66% capacity. In 1953, which was the maximum year for steel industry employment, 570,000 steel workers were working at an average of 39 hours per week. In 1960, 435,000 steel workers are working at an average of 32 hours per week.

1955 was the greatest year for steel production in the United States with 117,000,000 tons of steel produced. In 1960, the steel mills have a capability of producing 150,000,000 tons per year.

The Communist Party feels that there are numerous reasons for the decline in employment in the steel industry at the present time. These reasons include, 1. over production, 2. automation, 3. technical developments, 4. speed ups,

5. the re-evaluation of the Russian Ruble which makes it possible for other countries to trade with the Soviet Union more favorably than in the past.

Krochmarak feels that the steel industry is planning to adopt General Electric Company strike methods for combating labor's demands. During the last strike at the General Electric Company plants, the company was able to divide the solidarity of the workers by dividing the white collar workers and the production workers. These two types of workers, although they belonged to the same local union, began fighting against each other.

David J. McDonald is in favor of the 30 hour week for 40 hour per week wages. However, McDonald feels that the demand for the 30 hour week should be a legislative demand and handled through the legislature of the United States. The Communist Party does not feel that the steel industry will be able to obtain the cooperation of enough senators and congressmen to pass such a bill. The Party feels that this is the wrong approach to the 30 hour week demand. The correct approach to the 30 hour week is through new union contracts, and unemployment action. Local unions should have welfare organizations or community service organizations or similar organizations of that nature demand that the United States government take the following measures to combat the unemployment problem: 1. Establish a 30 hour per week for 40 hour pay. 2. Public work programs established. 3. Negotiate new

trade agreements with the Soviet Union and the Satellite nations. 4. The establishment of public or state ownership of the heavy industries.

Krzhmarek reported that the people of the United States, in electing John F. Kennedy to the presidency of this country, expect that he will return this country to another "Roosevelt era." However, the working class should not expect that it has a friend in the white house. It was World War II and not President Franklin D. Roosevelt that increased jobs in the United States. The question is can John F. Kennedy solve the crisis under Capitalism. The only way Kennedy will be able to solve the crisis is by obtaining the support of the rank and file workers in the United States.

Krzhmarek next directed his remarks to the coming International Election of Officers for the USWA to be held in February, 1961. It is pointed out that the last date for the nomination of candidates to International Office is December 15, 1960. Krzhmarek feels that the Communist Party must support the Organization of Membership Rights (OMR) without actually taking the organization over. Donald Rarick, candidate for president of the USWA, and the leader of the OMR, should be supported in his opposition to David J. McDonald.

The struggle between the OMR and McDonald should be developed along progressive lines. A Negro should be

nominated for a position on the International Staff of the USWA on both slate of candidates.

Kruchmarek related that at a meeting of the CP, Ohio District, it was recommended that the Party publish a leaflet on the Party's approach to a shorter work week. The approach should be developed under the Socialistic approach. That is that a shorter work week will not solve the problem in itself. Most employees are currently on a short work week at the present time.

The Socialistic approach to the problems in the steel industry will emphasize the negotiation of trade agreements with Red China, the Soviet Union, and the Satellite Nations. The United States must enter into such trade agreements in order to stimulate business.

Remarks by [redacted]

During [redacted] remarks, it was brought out that 3,000 copies of a letter went to all local unions of the USWA requesting support for the nomination of [redacted] to the position of president of the USWA. This letter was sent out by [redacted] and the OMR.

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[redacted] stated that the party must increase its membership as well as its contacts with non-members of the party expects to progress in the industrial and labor fields.

The Workers attitude toward the shorter work week is that the short work week is not the solution to the problem. The solution to the problem is a short five day work week of

six hours per day, but with the establishment of one additional shift of workers for the steel industry.

The Gary Works, United States Steel Corporation and the South Works, United States Steel Corporation in Chicago, Illinois, are in competition with each other over the production of steel. The South Works does not have a coke plant of its own, and therefore, must purchase coke from the Gary Works. The cost of production of steel at the South Works is approximately \$3 more per ton than the cost at the Gary Works. Because of the higher cost in producing steel, the South Works management is getting more demanding of the employees. This has resulted in the abolishment of certain jobs. The abolishment of some jobs is not because of new machines, but is the result of an arbitrary decision on the part of management that the job no longer is necessary.

Remarks by [redacted]

[redacted] took certain exceptions to the remarks of Kochmarek and [redacted]. He feels that the Communist Party must be built first in order that it can bring forth social solutions and encourage public ownership of the basic industries in the United States. [redacted] and others have made an extensive study in the Baltimore area of the attitude of the workers toward socialism and have been gaining a few subscriptions to "The Worker" as a result of their contacts.

[redacted] related that the so-called IBM rolling mills are obsolete at the present time due to the introduction of

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photo-electric cells for the automation of the steel industry by [redacted] and Laughlin Steel Company. In seven to ten years, automation in the basic steel industry will far overshadow automation in the coal, auto and other industries where the institution of automation and the elimination of workers has occurred.

There is a large volume of featherbedding in the basic steel industry at the present time. This is not featherbedding on the part of the workers, but on the part of supervision. In some instances, there is one foreman for every three or four men.

Pressure must be brought to bear upon union leadership by mass action in order to get the union leadership to seriously consider the problems of the workers at the present time.

[redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] and the CIO could win the support of four or five locals of the USWA in the Baltimore area with no trouble.

It was brought out that [redacted] had attended a school sponsored by the USWA held at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Remarks by [redacted] from Pittsburgh,
representing the Western Pennsylvania area.

At the present time, there are approximately 20,000 steel workers unemployed in the Western Pennsylvania area and the situation is growing worse. The rate of unemployed steel workers has been steadily increasing since March of 1960.

There has been no procedure set up by the steel industry in that area for the transfer of workers from one plant to another plant of the same company when the company is forced to permanently close one of the plants.

In Western Pennsylvania, there was a concentration of effort on the part of the CP to contact individuals, however, it has been very difficult to recruit new members or to reactivate old members. Western Pennsylvania went through a terrific attack by the FBI, red baiting and an expose' by the HCUA. The area has never fully recovered from this attack.

The unknown subject from Pittsburgh is well acquainted with [redacted] one of the other leaders

of the OMT. [redacted] has considerable support in the Baltimore area and the party should support his efforts.

At this point in the meeting, a break was taken in order that refreshments could be served. Flo Hall, assisted by the elderly woman at whose residence the meeting was held, assisted in serving the refreshments. The meeting was resumed at the conclusion of the refreshments.

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Remarks by [redacted]

[redacted] remarked that the unemployment situation in Lake County, Indiana, was similar to that mentioned by previous speakers. The workers in the Lake County area are confronted with a problem of reduced employment and the combination of job classifications.

[redacted]

stated that [redacted] has decided not to

seek the candidacy of teller in the coming USWA elections.

[redacted] decision is based upon his financial situation.

[redacted] had been a candidate in 1957 for the position of teller during the International election of the USWA. At

that time, [redacted] was assisted by [redacted] and the CP financially.

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Reference was made to the remarks of [redacted] indicating that the South Chicago Works of the United States Steel Corporation was in competition with the Gary Works. The Gary Works has found that at the present time, it is in competition with the Clairton Works in Pennsylvania. The competition is over the cost of production of coke. At the present time, the supervisory staff in the coke plant of the Gary Works is very high. Most of the top supervisors in the coke plant have been transferred in from the Clairton Works. The new supervisory staff has been forcing speed ups on the part of the workers to the point where the situation is similar to that of approximately 25 years ago.

The only way to combat this action on the part of management is to fight for the removal of the no strike clause in the contract of the USWA. If the USWA refused to fight for the removal of the no strike clause, the only solution for the workers is to defy the union as well as the company and call a wild cat strike // setting the plant down in order to break the hold of supervision over the workers.

[redacted] stated the situation of increased foremen in the coke plant at the Gary Works is not nearly a situation of featherbedding on the part of supervisory employees. These supervisory employees are engaged in studies for the improvement of production and repair in the coke plant.

With regard to foreign trade, the Party must carefully consider how the will approach the subject of advocating trade with the Communist Satellite countries. During the preceding steel strike, the average worker was indoctrinated with the idea that steel imports were prolonging the strike and the imports of small cars from other countries were curtailing steel production. Unless this indoctrination is combated, any statement by the Party to increase imports by new trade agreements with the Communist nations, the average steel worker will oppose such agreements.

The Party must build a broader base and recruit more workers. The average steel worker should be informed of the over-all problems in the steel industry and not just the problems in his own particular area.

Remarks by Emanuel Blum

Blum felt that [redacted] should reconsider his decision not to be a candidate for the position of teller in the USWA election. Blum felt that if [redacted] only reason for not being a candidate was financial, that this problem could be remedied. Blum felt that the Party could assist in raising funds for [redacted]. Someone should prevail upon [redacted]

to reconsider his decision. Blum felt that [redacted] should contact [redacted] and determine if [redacted] would accept part of the responsibility to help finance [redacted] campaign.

[redacted] would have to announce his candidacy in order to be nominated prior to December 15, 1960.

Remarks by [redacted]

[redacted] remarked that the plant at which he is employed in the Youngstown area was shut down in approximately April, 1960. There are no signs of the plant reopening at the present time. An unemployment council has been set up in the area and it has petitioned the Governor of Ohio to extend the Unemployment Compensation Benefits for an additional 13 weeks.

Remarks by [redacted]

[redacted] generally sustained the remarks made by [redacted] concerning the situation in the Baltimore area.

[redacted] mentioned that there was a recent situation wherein one of the steel companies was successful in forcing a man who was over 65 years of age, to retire in spite of the fact that the man was opposed to his retirement. Some party members supported this individual's point of view.

Remarks by Flo Hall

Hall confined her remarks to a general summarization of Party activity in the basic steel industry as she saw it. The party must work toward additional recruitment of CP members and the reactivation of former CP members. The party must press for increased trade with the Communist nations. The CP

must support [redacted] and the OMR movement, not for [redacted] sake, but because of his program in opposition to the leadership of the USWA.

Remarks by Irving Potash

Potash remarked that prior to his attendance at this meeting, he had been in contact with the CP in the Baltimore area. Potash was of the opinion that based upon remarks made at this affair, the correct approach of the Party to the situation in the steel industries has been reached.

With regard to security measures taken, Potash stated that he desired that all those present should be rested assured that he carefully covered himself in attending this affair. He had spent approximately two hours in counter-surveillance activity before actually coming to the meeting. Potash stated that if he believed his presence would jeopardize the security of anyone else present, he never would have attended the affair. Potash stated that he felt that Krehmarik and other CP functionaries present, shared his opinion in this regard.

Potash would like to see the NSC go all out in support of [redacted] for president of the USWA. A [redacted] victory would mean complete transformation of union activity and a revolution by rank and file members of the steel union in taking on the fight against top union leadership.

Potash felt that a victory over the present union leadership in the USWA would result in a tremendous advance.

for the CP in the steel industry.

Potash felt that a victory by the CWR would reverse the current situation in the USWA wherein the union leaders have indicated a do nothing attitude toward the employment situation.

Potash had considered launching through the Communist Party, an unemployment organization until he had made contact with the CP in Baltimore and Buffalo and gained their opinions. Potash is now of the opinion that the time is not suitable for the establishment of a full-scale unemployment council. Such an organization should not be formed until aid to the unemployed workers such as compensation, supplemental unemployment benefits, surplus foods and relief measures have been exhausted.

The CP should not launch a premature campaign indicating that the current situation in the United States is a depression. However, the CP should not qualify the present situation as just another recession.

The CP should avail itself of additional ways of informing the public of the current situation in the steel industry. This can be done by greater utilization of "The Worker" and the submission of more items to "The Worker" on what is going on in the steel industry. The Party should push the program of subscriptions for "The Worker" and increase its distribution.

Potash indicated that he was surprised that no mention was made of the Negro American Labor Council in

connection with this meeting.

Summarization by Krichmarek

Krichmarek summarized by stating the Communist Party should emphasize the following:

Endeavor to increase the subscription and distribution of "The Worker."

Concentrate on the recruitment of former CP members and new members.

Expand CP activity to the point of meeting with other progressive groups to discuss the problems of the workers.

Actively support the OMR and its candidates for positions on the International Staff of the USWA.

Secure the nomination of at least one Negro candidate to the proposed OMR slate of candidates.

Encourage someone to oppose [redacted] who is seeking re-election as District Director of District 31 of the USWA.

[redacted] made the announcement that there will be a meeting in support of [redacted] in the OMR at the Gary Center of Indiana University on Friday, December 2, 1960, beginning at 7:30 PM.

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The next NSC meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 1/14/61 at Cleveland, Ohio. It is felt that Cleveland is a more central location for these affairs.

Copies of the November 20, 1960, issue of the Midwest edition of "The Worker" were available to the individuals attending this affair. Copies of a large two page announcement by the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, 189 W. Madison Street, Room 811, Chicago, Illinois, entitled "The Unamerican Activities Committee is at War With Our Profoundest Principles" was also available.

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"Baltimore, Maryland
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"The following report concerns a Maryland - D. C. CP Organizational Committee meeting held November 14, 1960, at the home of [redacted], CP District Board member, and Organizational Secretary. Present at the meeting with [redacted] CP District Board member and District Organizer.

The meeting got under way about 9:35 p.m. with [redacted] taking out a two-page letter entitled "Some New Aspects of Party Organization" which was Motions adopted by the National Executive Committee September 29, 1960. After showing the letter to [redacted] commented that it appeared as though national CP leaders wanted to tighten the organizational structure of the Party and wanted to know what the CP clubs throughout the country were doing.

[redacted] then said at the coming District Committee meeting he intended to stress the need of each club electing a secretary to meet with the organizational committee so that information could be obtained from each club at least once a month on activities taken to build the Party and to obtain an accurate picture on Party activity and CP funds collected.

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[redacted] said that when meeting with club secretaries the question should be raised of registering each Party member which was being requested by the national leadership.

[redacted] then pointed out that the CP Ship Club had already elected a secretary, [redacted] and that the CP Steel Club had a secretary, [redacted] Upon inquiry from [redacted] said that she was chairman and secretary of her own CP Community Section Club and that she kept records for [redacted] CP Community Section Club.

[redacted] said that he wanted someone else to resume the responsibility in [redacted] club. [redacted] agreed.

[redacted] then pointed out that the CP Community Section planned to have a meeting November 30, 1960, and that she

wanted [redacted] to be present.

Upon inquiry from [redacted] said that the general picture in the CP Community Section was not too good and that it was hard to get people active. She said they would run hot and then cold and say they would do things but not carry them out. She said that the most active member in her club was [redacted] who distributed leaflets opposing the House Committee Un-American Activities (HCUA) and who raised donations to fight the HCUA.

[redacted] then said that the Organizational Committee should be concerned about Community Section members [redacted]

[redacted] She said that that particular club had not functioned because they felt they were being discriminated against because they were all Jewish. Upon an inquiry from [redacted] as to what could be done and whether these people could be registered as CP members, [redacted] said that as to activity she doubted very much whether anything could be done with those four until disposition had been made of [redacted] who was a troublemaker. She then added that if [redacted] were placed in her club she would have trouble with [redacted] who had an argument with [redacted] before. She then added that if [redacted] was put in [redacted] club, [redacted] would leave the club.

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They then discussed the recruitment of Negro women into the CP and brought up the names of [redacted] [redacted] and it was decided that [redacted] would arrange for a social gathering which would consist of [redacted] at which time the question of CP membership for the Negro women would be discussed.

[redacted] then returned to [redacted] saying that since [redacted] could not be controlled they should take the other three members in the club and place them in other clubs in the Community Section.

[redacted] agreed and then said that the main thing would be to have them registered as CP members.

[redacted] then said that a lot of persons in the Community Section would object to registration since they did not like

to give background information not knowing what source would be given the information. [redacted] replied that they would be told that the information would be hand-carried to New York and would be brought directly to the CP National Organizational Committee. [redacted] then said that she would discuss it with Community Section members.

They then discussed [redacted] a former CP member, with [redacted] suggesting that he be returned to the Party and have him set up a CP club in East Baltimore.

[redacted] then said that she had some reservation about [redacted] because following the HCUA hearings in Baltimore in 1957 [redacted] had spoken of his CP connections before a Steel Union Board.

[redacted] then said that he had seen the transcript, that [redacted] had not revealed the names of other CP members, and had only acted as he did because he had been isolated by other CP members.

[redacted] then said that she was not opposed to [redacted] but just giving her opinion.

[redacted] then repeated his suggestion about having [redacted] set up a club in East Baltimore. [redacted] agreed.

At this point [redacted] said that she had no more reservations about [redacted] CP Community Section member, and felt secure when having a CP meeting with him.

[redacted] then asked about [redacted] and [redacted] saying that if they were not in the Party they should be since they were good people.

[redacted] asked what he meant.

[redacted] then said that he did not know whether they were or were not in the CP Community Section and that he had heard nothing about them paying CP dues.

[redacted] suggested that [redacted] contact GEORGE MEYERS, CP District

Chairman, about those four.

Upon inquiry from [redacted] said that [redacted]
[redacted] was a lost case.

Upon inquiry from [redacted] said that [redacted]
[redacted] had blown hot and cold and that upon
their return from England, [redacted] had paid up her CP
dues and had attended one or two CP meetings and had
accepted literature but since then had sent back the
CP literature. [redacted] said she did not know their
present status.

Upon inquiry from [redacted] said that she could not give
any sort of an answer concerning [redacted] former CP member,
or his wife.

Upon inquiry from [redacted] said that HOWARD SILVERBERG
was in [redacted] club but that [redacted] was not
a member.

[redacted] then suggested that they put down some names of
people with whom they should talk about returning to the
CP and [redacted] was listed along with [redacted] and
[redacted] commented as to the latter
two, that they would have to talk to [redacted] CP District
Board member.

Upon inquiry from [redacted] as to the position of [redacted]
CP Community Section member, whom he understood was not
attending CP meetings, [redacted] said that GEORGE MEYERS had
stated that his wife would not attend meetings because she
saw no value in the discussion, knew of no activity and
felt that she had lost confidence in the Party.

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[redacted] said that she felt [redacted] should come to the club
meetings and state her position and that she could not
understand the position of [redacted] in view of the fact that
[redacted] GEORGE, was the Party Chairman.

[redacted] then commented that she was sorry she had become
angry with [redacted] at the District Board meeting where she
had resigned from the Board. She said she thought it was
at that time an attempt to drive her off the Board. She

then added that her lack of activity was not all her fault and reminded [redacted] that she had to work and had a sick mother.

[redacted] then said that he had been upset at the way she had attacked him at that Board meeting, because as she would recall, he had always defended her in the past and asked that she stay on the District Board. [redacted] said that he had firmly believed in the Party principle of criticism and self-criticism.

[redacted] then said that she wanted to apologize and added that [redacted] always spoke the truth but was very blunt and made people angry.

They then discussed changing the dates of some of the CP meetings coming up that week, [redacted] pointing out that a number of comrades would be going to Chicago and New York to attend national meetings that weekend and that the local meetings would be coming close to that weekend.

After discussion it was decided that [redacted] would talk to MEYERS about changing the dates of the local meetings.

They then discussed what they should say at the District Committee meeting concerning a report on organization and it was decided that they would stress the need of each club electing a secretary so that the secretaries could meet once a month with the Organizational Committee.

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[redacted] then said that [redacted] should tell MEYERS that if he needed money for the Chicago trip that weekend he should send [redacted] over to see her.

The meeting ended about 11:05 p.m. "

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED] DATE: December 8, 1960

FROM: SA JESSE C. PARKER, JR.

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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The documentation for this information is as follows:

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[REDACTED]	11/19, 20/60	11/22/60	JESSE C. PARKER, JR. (Written)	[REDACTED]

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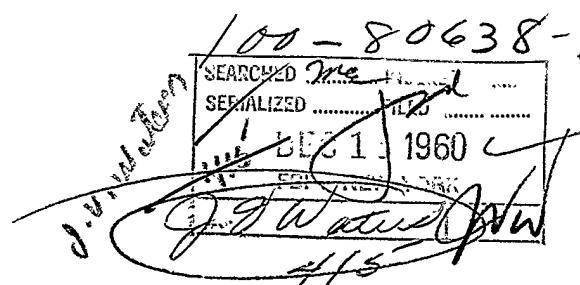
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TOM NABRIED (1, 7)[REDACTED]
NEGRO QUESTION

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT[REDACTED]
COMINFIL VOTERS LEAGUE (7)
MEMBERSHIP (7)100-10395
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100-12471[REDACTED]
GEORGE MEYERS11 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
NEGRO QUESTION
POLITICAL ACTIVITY
COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
COMINFIL, NAACP
MEMBERSHIP
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WILLIAM PATTERSON
TED BASSETT
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"Baltimore, Maryland
November 21, 1960

"On Saturday, November 19th, and Sunday, November 20th, 1960, there was a meeting of the Communist Party held at the National Headquarters of the Party at 23 West 26th Street in New York City. Persons present and the districts they came from were: [redacted] GEORGE MEYERS,

[redacted] of Baltimore. TOM NABRIED and [redacted] from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; [redacted] TED BASSETT, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, [redacted] representing the National, and New York City, and Brooklyn. All the above-named persons are members of the Communist Party and all except [redacted] [redacted] who did not get there until 5:15 p.m. Saturday, and GEORGE MEYERS were present when the meeting started.

(GEORGE MEYERS was let out of the car from Baltimore, Maryland, at 523 West 113th Street in New York City, for another meeting.) GEORGE came to the meeting, and stayed for a short while, and made a few remarks and stated that he had come for another meeting, and left. He left New York for Baltimore, Maryland, at 4:00 p.m. by bus.

[redacted] arrived at the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and stated that he had to work in Baltimore until about 12:30 p.m. and caught the 1:00 p.m. bus for New York.

[redacted] was the chairman for the meeting. [redacted] stated that this meeting was called by the direction of the National Negro Commission, and that the active Commissions of the Eastern Coast were invited. This included the persons present. (New York, Brooklyn, Baltimore, and Philadelphia)

"The first report was a report of the outcome of the recent Presidential election by TED BASSETT, a representative of "The Worker."

"TED dealt with the political angle of the election and the force that was behind the election of KENNEDY and JOHNSON to the White House. TED quoted some extracts from leading newspapers all over the United States that had statements that the Negro vote was responsible for the election of KENNEDY.

"TED stressed the point that the Negro and organized labor had almost single handedly elected the President of the

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United States. TOM stated that the heavy Negro vote in the city of Philadelphia was responsible for the KENNEDY win in the State of Pennsylvania.

"TED continued his report. TED outlined some of the reasons that the Negro and organized labor worked so closely together in this election.

"1. The recent registrar and vote campaign that was started all over the country and this was started in the Communist Party through members of the Party working in the NAACP, and other communist organizations.

"2. The League of Women Voters, of which some are Communist Party members, and friends of the Party.

"3. The Christian Leadership Conference was responsible for the vote in the South, especially in North and South Carolina. In those states the Democrats had said that they would be lost to them, but the efforts of the Negro brought these states to the Democrats. TED also stated that in Tennessee where the Republicans won, in the counties that had a considerable Negro registration they went solidly Democratic. TED further stated that the Communist Party is now in the process of placing members of the Party in key positions in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. TED further stated that a Western Conference of the Christian Leadership is now being formed and a Communist Party member is the leader in this conference.

"4. TED spoke of the importance of the Negro vote nationally and internationally. He stated that the Negro has played very important roles in the American struggle and this leads from the revolutionary to the last World War. Now the Negro almost single handed has elected a President of the United States. The Negro and organized labor must have a plan of concrete action to bring about complete social reforms for the Negro people.

[redacted] made the following statement: 'The great gains of the Negro have come from the Negro in the South, and the Negro in the North should be active on the question

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of Social gains for the Negro as a whole. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT voiced the same opinion.

"TED spoke of how he as a communist and reporter for 'The Worker', at the Baptist Convention in Philadelphia and various other places where he has gone as a reporter of the communist paper, has been received; very well.

"After most of the persons present commented on the report by TED, it was moved and seconded that the report by TED be adopted with the following proposals:

"1. Pressure on the Federal Government to stop the terror in Louisiana.

"2. Keep up the fight against Republican and Dixiecrat alliance. The way that this can be done is to pressure KENNEDY for executive procedure to keep his platform promises.

"3. Bring adult support to the students. Adult and working support to the Southern student sit-ins.

"4. To advance the struggle, emphasize the necessity for keeping pressure on all Government representation in Congress and on the White House.

"All present had some remarks to make on the fine report by TED BASSETT.

"GEORGE MEYERS remarked on the report and presented a report of facts and figures of Negro population in the 48 states and the states where the Negro played a great part in the election of KENNEDY. GEORGE stated that he had come to New York for another meeting, but was pleased with the report of TED's and stated too that it was simply a Negro victory for KENNEDY.

[redacted] stated that the Negro represented 11 per cent of the population of the United States, but has no Senator, and very few Congressmen, this can be corrected by utilizing the Negro power on the ballot.

[redacted] from Baltimore praised TED's report and further

stated that KENNEDY's victory could be put aside, as there is a move on by the Southern electors to cast their votes for someone friendly to the South. In this way they could throw the election into the House of Representatives where the South has the majority. A meeting of the Southern electors is called for December in Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] further stated that this is a very grave matter, and should be discussed by the National Committee at once.

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[redacted] and CLAUDE stated that this was a grave matter too. [redacted] made a summary of TED's report and stated that the report will be made in pamphlet form for distribution to all areas, and this report in full will be made at the National Committee meeting next month, December.

"The second report was made by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Secretary of the National Commission.

"CLAUDE outlined the work done by the Commission in 1960. He outlined the work in the NALC, NAACP, League of Women Voters, and a small way in the Baptist Churches. He stated that the Commission has moved in 1960, but the move will have to better and greater in the year 1961 to build the Party. He stated that the Negro Commission were on the grown floor in the planning the two marches on the conventions. He stated that he attended the National Convention of the NAACP as a member of the Communist Party. Such things show that the Party is making strides in other organizations. CLAUDE explained that due to financial difficulties the Commission from Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, and Pittsburgh were not present, but a plan is being made for a meeting of the nationwide commissions for once or twice a year. This will come up before the National Committee meeting in December. CLAUDE re-emphasized the importance of the work of the Party in the Baptist Churches. He stated that the Party was directly responsible for the sending of 25 women to Ghana, and some of them were invited and went to the Soviet Union. These women are going about the country making lectures on their trip to the Soviet Union and are being received greatly every place they go. This proves the gains that the Party has made, but there has not been too much change in the number of members that have been recruited in the Party on a national level

in each level. CLAUDE outlined the following question to be carried back to the areas of the Party for discussion, and thought, and to be discussed further at the next meeting in about six weeks.

"The central prospectives of the Party in 1961, the growth and expansion and more influence of the Party. Strengthen Party organizations in the Negro community. Have meetings in all Negro districts and work out a line of how to build the Party. Members of the National Negro Commission will be available to sit down with the local commissions. In this way a uniform manner of recruiting will be put forth.

"CLAUDE spoke at length on how women could play a very important role in the Party's work in the churches. b6 b7C
CLAUDE stated that the need for Negro women in the Communist Party was very great and that a plan is in effect to get more Negro women in the Party. He stated that the white women outnumber the Negro women. CLAUDE stated that how [redacted] in less than six months working in a Baptist Church in Chicago has now become the public relation director of that church. Other Communist Party members (women) are making great progress in the Baptist Churches on the West Coast and in the South there is a program being worked out to get more women in the churches. He further stated that there was a move in Chicago by the Party to print a booklet on the role of the Negro churches in community life or the history of the Baptist Church. He stated that this would be a money-making scheme for the Church but it also makes the Party take a foot hold in the church. The program of the Party can be carried through the church. CLAUDE stated that he will suggest that more Communist Party members join a Baptist Church. The Party clubs can play a great role in this drive to get members in the churches.

"Without any comments on the report by CLAUDE, it was suggested that the meeting be continued for tomorrow , Sunday, November 20th, at 11:00 a.m.

"The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning, November 20th, at Party Headquarters, 23 West

26th Street, New York City. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT continued his report.

"CLAUDE apologized to [redacted] for his part in the dissolving of the CRC by saying that his thinking at that time was that the CRC and other arms of the Party were of no use at that time, but he and others have seen the mistakes of this decision. CLAUDE suggested that a subcommittee be set up with the approval of the National Committee to strengthen the resolution of the 17th National Convention on the Negro question. He stated that the Party members that fought against that resolution have all changed their ways of thinking, and time has proven them wrong. The resolution will be strengthened where need be, and presented to the National Committee for approval. He further stated that the Negro question is a National question (not self-determination). He suggested that the best way for the Negro Commission to work is to make and develop plans of work from the resolution from the 17th Convention, CP, USA.

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"He further dealt with the part of women in the Party, especially Negro women. He stated that Negro women are available for Party work but you have to ask them and show them they are needed and they will come to the aid of the Party.

"CLAUDE stated that nationally the Party can build organizations and support issues with the names of persons not connected with the Party but who have left thinking, such as Dr. DU BOIS, Dr. JOHNSON, Mrs. DAISEY BATES, and others. They are fighting for Negro rights. In building the Party concentrate on Negro and other working classes in general for recruiting in the Party.

"In the summary of the proposal by LIGHTFOOT, [redacted] from Philadelphia and TOM expressed the point of continuing the building the arms of the Party. In this way you might get some persons in the arms of the Party that would not want to be a part of the Party itself. These organizations that would be arms of the Party or Party fronts could serve a great purpose to the Party. After everyone had a chance to voice their opinions on the proposals by CLAUDE, the following proposals were recommended:

1. The report by TED be carried to the National Committee meeting.

2. That the report of TED's be put in pamphlet form for distribution to all areas of the Party.

3. [redacted] is to prepare a memo. The South to Mobilize to Defeat the White Citizens Councils.

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4. Exert as much pressure on KENNEDY as possible on the Louisiana riots.

5. At the National Committee meeting the four women members of the committee got together and tried to work out a plan and some proposals for the work of women Party members in the Baptist churches and the PTA.

6. There be some concrete plan for building the Party in the South. CLAUDE stated that he has worked with the Voters League in Chicago and out of that league he has recruited 10 members for the Party. He stated that this shows that people can be recruited if they are approached in the correct manner.

[redacted] stated that the meetings are planned too much for the center, and that the meetings of this Commission should be moved about to give the other members a chance to be home too. It was suggested and agreed upon that the next regular meeting of the Negro Commission be held in Philadelphia. The meeting will be the second week in January, 1961. Notices will be sent out and a reply will be requested so as the Commission will know how many Districts will be represented. [redacted] of Baltimore stated that more districts should be represented at these discussions. It was agreed that more districts will be invited to the next meeting.

"CLAUDE in making his last pitch for members to join the Baptist Church stated that the church was there to save souls, and the Party would be able to save the church and make better strides to socialism.

"The meeting was closed at 2:35 p.m.

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[redacted] received 20 copies of the pamphlet "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism." This pamphlet will be used in the classes of HYMAN LUMER when he comes to Baltimore, December 3rd."

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This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: December 12, 1960

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

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[REDACTED]	11/20/60 CP National Negro Commission Meeting New York City	11/28/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

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RELIGION
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BETTY GANNETT (100-13483)
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
WILLIAM PATTERSON
TED (BASSETT)
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5 - Baltimore
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"Baltimore, Maryland
November 28, 1960

"The following report concerns a CP National Negro Commission meeting held November 20, 1960, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

In attendance were [redacted]

[redacted] from Baltimore, the latter being a member of the National Negro Commission. Also present at the meeting were [redacted] but who was BETTY GANNETT [redacted] CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP Vice Chairman; WILLIAM PATTERSON, CP national leader TED, last name not known, a Negro employed by "The Worker"; TOM NABRIED, CP leader from Philadelphia; [redacted] CP member from Philadelphia and [redacted]

[redacted] CP member from New York.

The meeting got under way about 11:25 a.m. with [redacted] being nominated and accepted as Chairman.

[redacted] then pointed out that the meeting would end shortly after 2:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with a discussion on a report that had been given before the Commission by TED the previous day concerning the recent elections and the Negro people.

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[redacted] said that the National Convention resolution on the Negro question should be reviewed to keep pace with the times. He then added that a discussion on this topic might create confusion at this time and affect the good work already going on.

[redacted] said that some questions he thought should be kept in mind should be: (1) the impact of international events upon the Party; (2) the implication of class unity through broad coalition; (3) economic impact upon the American Negro; (4) new conditions under which white superiority could be combatted; (5) the need of a good basic program of action by the Party on a national scale; (6) development of the work of the Negro Commission itself.

[redacted] further suggested that the Negro Commission meet at

least twice a year and that a workshop type of program be set up with the various areas.

NABRIED then said that they should not be afraid to tackle theoretical questions dealing with practical and basic policy and that the Party should be prepared to correct any areas of personal weakness or organizational confusion.

TOM further said that the Negro women should be brought into the picture.

[redacted] then said that she thought the Party leadership should set examples for the membership and that, so far as the Negro women were concerned, no effort had been made to utilize this source. [redacted] said that the Party did not give the Negro woman the incentive to work as the churches afforded. She thought that the Party should seek out the Negro women and ask for their assistance.

[redacted] then said that the Negro people's movement should be examined in order to come up with concrete programs and proposals.

[redacted] then said that there should be more utilization of criticism and self-criticism and that they should study the problem of the South and the fears resulting. She also suggested that a CP headquarters be set up in Harlem and that the Party movement in Harlem be evaluated.

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TED then stressed that it was not necessary to be a leader of the Party in order to lead the masses and that all must learn to recruit and to especially concentrate on the Negro worker. TED said that a major emphasis should be placed on work in the Negro church and the raising of Negro to a position of new strength and power.

WILLIAM PATTERSON said that they should study the economic situation of the Negroes in the United States and that a major weakness of the Party stemmed from leaving Party members and mass organizations on their own.

PATTERSON also said that there should be ideological work linking domestic and foreign policies. CLAUDE

LIGHTFOOT then summarized the entire National Negro Commission meeting by saying that TED's report and discussion should be given again before the National Committee. He felt that this report should be printed in "The Worker" and in leaflet form and circulated to Negroes throughout the country.

PATTERSON then proposed a memorandum be prepared for all Districts emphasizing the fact that the Negroes elected KENNEDY in the South and that they should exert a maximum amount of pressure on KENNEDY requesting him to act on the situation in New Orleans. He also suggested that the Secretariat start work on the New Orleans problem.

LIGHTFOOT then proposed that a meeting of Negro women, the wives of National Committee members, should take place the following month to work out a program to utilize the Negro women.

LIGHTFOOT said that the next Negro Commission meeting would be called in January in Philadelphia and that LIGHTFOOT, TED and PATTERSON would present a program which would include: (1) building and consolidation of the Party; (2) utilization of Negroes; and (3) building the Party in the South.

LIGHTFOOT said also that at the next Commission meeting they should stress the political aims for 1961 including the development of the growing consciousness of the problem of the Negro.

LIGHTFOOT in closing said that one of the classmates of MARTIN LUTHER KING planned to form a West Coast movement similar to KING's.

The meeting ended about 2:30 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

It is believed that the TED mentioned in instant report is TED BASSETT. This is based on report of [redacted] who attended the same meeting.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-80633)

DATE: 12/13/60

FROM : *TH*
u SAC, Philadelphia (100-32067)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - EDUCATION
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On 11/19/60, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided to SA FORREST F. BURGESS a 53-page mimeographed document entitled "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism, A Guide for Teachers," issued by "National Education Dept., Communist Party USA," dated 8/60. On the cover page it lists the contents as follows:

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- I. The Dialectical Method
- II. The Materialist Concept of History
- III. Classes and the Class Struggle
- IV. Imperialism
- V. State-Monopoly Capitalism
- VI. The Struggle for Peace and Democracy
- VII. The Negro Question in the United States
- VIII. Strategy and Tactics
- IX. Socialism
- X. The Communist Party.

This document may be the only copy sent to the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District, inasmuch as [redacted] stated that in about 8/60, she had received an educational outline from New York, but had only one copy. Two photographic copies are available in Philadelphia and are located in 65-1686-1B-37(1). Both copies will be retained at Philadelphia, unless New York requests a copy.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/15/60

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43)

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP
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Description of info

Meeting of Kings County CP
Club Organizers, 11/17/60, at
1110 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, NY

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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- 1 - 100-26603-01957 (Crown Heights Section, KCCP)(422)

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11/18/60

On the evening of 11/17/60, a meeting of the Kings County Club Organizers was held at 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y., for the purpose of discussing Party re-registration.

Present were:

[Redacted]
JIM TORMEY
[Redacted]
JESUS COLON
[Redacted]

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The directory in the lobby of the building listed the meeting as "Book World."

Mimeographed forms for re-registration were distributed, each numbered, and the numbered form was charged to the person who received it. Each form was for 15 members, and if there were more members, or potential members, then two forms were assigned.

Each form contained blanks to be filled in, in answer to the following:

Club
County
Sex
Age
Length of time in Party (including Youth Movement)
Occupation
National Origin

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"The Worker" reader: Yes or No
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"Political Affairs": Yes or No
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[redacted] gave a report on re-registration, wherein he said that the Party wants a 10% increase in registration over that in 1958, which was the last registration. He said the Kings County registration at that time was 300. [redacted] went on to say that there is a need to consolidate the Party, and re-registration will bring about a consolidation of forces.

[redacted] also covered the following points in his talk:

Re-registration must be finished by 1/1/61, and all clubs must hold special meetings within two weeks to discuss re-registration. All members, and all others who may want to become members must be contacted. One requirement for membership is that an individual must be willing to remain a Party member, and that he or she cannot disagree with the general work of the Party. Dues must be paid up through December, 1960, and in case of extreme hardship, individual dues may be paid by the particular club, or by other members. There will be no assessment now. At present there is no concentration work in the South because of finances, but there is a "crying need" there for such work. Therefore, each member should voluntarily contribute a month's dues to aid in concentration work in the South. Club organizers are solely responsible for re-registration in their clubs, and they should prepare a list of persons they think should be in the Party. Club organizers also have the responsibility of visiting delinquent members concerning re-registration.

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It was brought out that there will be another meeting of Club Organizers on 12/16/60, when all the re-registration forms will be turned in.

[redacted] the Kings County CP Press Director, said that in the middle of 1/61, there will be a general mobilization for "The Worker", and the various sections will put Party members in specified selected areas to increase the sale of subscriptions.

[redacted] said that each club should appoint an Educational Director, and that there will be a county-wide meeting of Educational Directors on 12/7/60, place unknown.

JIM TORMEY urged that letters of protest be sent to the Governor of Louisiana, President EISENHOWER, and President-elect KENNEDY, protesting the opposition to integration in Louisiana.

[redacted] said that his club had passed a motion in support of the national leadership of the CP, and that this motion had to go before the Crown Heights Section Committee.

[redacted] stated that his club had discussed the recent denunciation of the State Leadership by GUS HALL, and had reached a stalemate. He said his group needed leadership and guidance from the County leaders.

[redacted] picked up the re-registration forms for the Crown Heights Section, with the exception of those for the Peace Club which were picked up by [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

To: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814) Date: 12/15/60

FROM: SA JOHN F. LANGTRY (414)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
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Identity of Informant: NY 2358-S*
Reliability of Informant Who has furnished reliable
information in the past.
Date of Activity 10/25/60

1-New York (100-93665) [REDACTED]
1-New York (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
1-New York (100-118174) [REDACTED]
1-New York (100-50094) [REDACTED]
1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1-New York (100-54555) [REDACTED]
1-New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
1-New York (100-128818) (CP, USA, NYD, LEG. ACTIVITIES) (414)
1-New York (100-128823) (CP, USA, NYD, DOMESTIC ADM.) (414)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1-New York (100-128817) (CP, USA, NYD, MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1-New York (100-128314) (CP, USA, NYD, FUNDS) (414)
1-New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
1-New York (100-97167) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (41)
1-New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX COUNTY CP) (421)
1-New York (100-26603-C41) (QUEENS COUNTY CP) (423)
1-New York (100-26603-C42) (NEW YORK COUNTY CP) (424)
1-New York (100-26603-C43) (KINGS COUNTY CP) (422)
1-New York (100-26603-C44) (WESTCHESTER COUNTY CP) (421)
1-New York (100-26603-C45) (NASSAU COUNTY CP) (422)
1-New York (100-132430) (INDUSTRIAL DIVISION, NYD)
1-New York (100-26018) (LOU WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-New York (100-128814) (414)

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On 10/25/60, NY 2358-S* advised that on this date, a meeting of the CP, USA, NYD Staff was held at CP Headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC. The informant stated that among those present were [redacted]

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CLARENCE HATHAWAY stated that last night the District Leadership had further discussions in the National Secretariat concerning the reorganization of the Party. He added that it was agreed that this coming Thursday the National Secretariat would meet with the District Board and that GUS HALL would outline the Secretariat's discussion for the District Board. Following that, the National Secretariat would propose that a week from Saturday, November 5, 1960, a meeting of the State Committee be called plus one representative from each club, plus two from each county and at this meeting GUS HALL would make a report to the membership.

A proposal was then presented to the NYD Staff that this meeting concerning GUS HALL would be carried out as discussed by the National Secretariat. According to the informant, he believed this proposal was passed by the NYD Staff.

Following this proposal that was set forth by CLARENCE HATHAWAY, JAMES TORMEY then gave a brief summary of the political situation in Kings County. He stated that there are 84 candidates running for public office in Brooklyn, which approximately represents one third of the membership of the Party, and most of this membership might be placed in five or six different areas in the county. He continued by saying that there are many important areas where there is no membership of the Party at all so the Brooklyn leadership decided to have a concentration policy in the 17th AD, the 5th AD and also in the 13th AD. Secondly he stated the Leadership wanted to contest the elections on a Congressional level in at least one area and the idea was to achieve a peace candidate in one of these congressional areas. The main attempt on this score was in the 12th Congressional District which is the district that [redacted]

[redacted] comes from. Another aspect of the Party's approach was that they would try to develop relations with the Insurgent Movement in Brooklyn. The third aspect was how the Party would handle the issues especially in the light of the number of candidates and with a membership the size of which Brooklyn has.

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How to handle the issues in such a way as to influence a still larger number of candidates even beyond these areas of concentration.

TORMEY stated that he believed everyone knew about the race in the 17th AD, the [redacted] campaign. The results of the [redacted] campaign have been considerable and many developments have occurred since then. He added that there is plenty of evidence to reflect that the [redacted] candidacy did create an upset in the relationships within the regular Democratic clubs, and that they are reorganizing themselves to be in a better position in 1962. Secondly, the insurgent Democratic Club called "The Unity Democratic Club" has been formed and has been extremely active in the registration campaign and building fences especially with the ADAM CLAYTON POWELL forces. A good foundation was laid in the election itself besides the work that is being done and without question this club will play an important role in the 1961 Municipal Election. [redacted] stated "We" feel that this was probably the most positive aspect of our electoral work.

In the 5th AD "We" have been participants in very difficult circumstances and "We" have very few members in the area itself. On the Congressional level "We" sought for about two and one half months that is "We" worked with forces that were seeking a Congressional candidate against [redacted] in the 12th Congressional District, and without success. "We" did not succeed in getting a candidate despite the fact that there was a very favorable reaction to the idea. There is nobody willing to take up the crusade, however, this set in motion something that is continued to this day and that is that a tremendous amount of work is being done to find a candidate to state their positions on the issues of the day and the core of people who are most responsible for this are the people who were involved to try and seek a candidate.

JIM TORMEY stated that in regard to the legislative work that was being carried on in Brooklyn, his forces were able to recruit two persons into the party from this work. Following TORMEY's discussion on the political situation in Brooklyn, both [redacted] gave brief talks on the political situation in NY County and the Bronx. These talks were actually just a resume of what was happening in these two counties.

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[redacted] stated that the main strength of the Labor Movement in a political deal is built around the Forand Bill, the Minimum Wage Bill and that they are beginning to branch out a little in Civil Rights. He added that the Teamsters nationally have set up some elaborate political machinery in that they are the first union in NY to do what the AFL-CIO called for and that is to set up an IBM system of all its members breaking them down into different categories and although it works it costs a considerable amount of money which he estimated to be around \$100,000. [redacted] stated that in NY most of "Our" work has taken place in the Insurgent Movement but by and large the labor movement in NY has gotten away from this Insurgent Movement and is concentrating elsewhere.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON then gave a report on the coming Registration Campaign. He stated that the National Office was to start a Registration Campaign around November 14, and ending December 31. He stated that "We" will be asking about the same questions as we did two years ago. There will be club interviews and a mimeograph form will be given out listing the number of members in each club the length of time in the organization age, origin, and readership of "The Worker" and "Political Affairs". Also ALBERTSON stated "We" want to ask names of unions and names of mass organizations that the members are associated with without identifying the individuals with these organizations.

ALBERTSON stated that the last registration that the NYD had there was 2010 members registered and the one before that they had approximately 2800 registered.

ALBERTSON stated that he would read some figures of the different counties of the members they had registered and the ones they needed to register for the coming registration period:

Brooklyn registered 306 need 337.
Bronx registered 245 need 270.
Upstate registered 85 need 94.
Manhattan registered 502 need 550.
Queens registered 116 need 127.
Industry registered 638 need 700.
Nassau registered 61 need 67.
Westchester registered 50 need 55.

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Regarding recruits, Industry has recruited eleven plus twelve that has been agreed upon, Bronx has recruited seven plus five that has been agreed upon, Brooklyn has recruited three, Queens one. According to ALBERTSON, that means there were 64 actual recruits for the first ten months and that it was his estimate that the Party in recruits and readmissions totaled approximately 150. He stated that he realized that there were a few losses having come about through comrades dying and other people who have left the Party. He stated that a very concrete objective as to how to achieve readmissions and recruits from now on will have to be worked out pretty much on a club by club level and not on a county by county level although that is important.

ALBERTSON stated as to the difference between what was actually registered three years ago and what the comrades estimated last June, July and August as to what their membership was, that according to Brooklyn's estimate they are only short eight of what their registration was. The Bronx estimate is the same as their registration. Upstate estimate is that they had 13 more than what was registered, Manhattan is 20 short of what they had registered, Queens is 20 over in their estimate compared to their last registration, Industry has not reported in as yet and, therefore, ALBERTSON stated he was unable to give their figure. Nassau, on the other hand, he said is over 17 of what they had previously registered while Westchester has two more than their actual registration of three years ago. These figures indicated the possibility he stated of winding up at the end of this registration with a membership of 2200.

ALBERTSON stated that " We " should sit down with the clubs and go over the people who did not register last year. Those people who can be brought back to the Party and if we want to say we are opening registration on November 14, that is ok, but each club should show an increase in its membership by 10 per cent over what it had previously as of May 1, 1959.

ALBERTSON stated that the first obligation of the Party is the dues question and " We " should see if it is not possible after the registration is over that " We " can have somewhat of a different attitude toward the dues question and begin to develop a higher dues payment average than we have at the present time. He stated that in Nassau and in Westchester their averages are low due to the business of picking up the dues and turning them into the County organization. He stated that as far as Westchester is concerned that if he himself had not been picking up the dues in one particular area that he has contact with the other areas would be zero. He stated that the problem is the same in Nassau. The dues are laying in the clubs and the difficulties are to meet with the State Organization to turn these dues in.

ALBERTSON stated that "We" are always thinking that we know the membership but that he has talked to some branch organizers and that it is true that they know their membership, but they do not know what every member of the Party is doing and the question of utilizing this registration from the point of view of activation of better contacts should be a key point. As to "The Worker" and "Political Affairs" he stated the Party wants to guarantee that every Party family gets them. That is why he stated that "We" are asking on the registration not just "Do you read 'The Worker'", but "We" are asking "How do you get it". ALBERTSON stated "The Worker" is starting a national circulation campaign beginning November 1, the objectives have not as yet been set out, but it is fundamentally a subscription campaign with an attempt to increase all other forms of circulation. ALBERTSON stated that LOUIE WEINSTOCK, and himself, had agreed that for NY that "We" open the circulation campaign January 1. He continued by saying that the circulation campaign in NY will begin January 1, and will tie in with Comrade WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's 80th anniversary celebration. The paper is given some important prizes in this campaign, but they will not be giving prizes to individuals, but to districts. He stated that there would be trips to the Soviet Union and trips to Cuba and these prizes would be given to the districts with the best record.

JACK STACHEL stated "The Worker" has no other way to exist than to have \$100,000. He stated that this must be raised immediately to continue the work of the paper for the year. He stated that "We" have already borrowed and mortgaged between \$25,000 and \$30,000 of next year's income. He stated that there is no other way to get it, but through a subscription drive. So far he stated "We" have included an increased advertising and have received approximately \$10,000. This is a fair amount. STACHEL stated that ways must be found to obtain money for the paper such as asking people for donations of \$100 or better as well as other planned events.

Inasmuch as it was so late and that several of the Staff members had previous appointments the informant advised that the meeting was then adjourned with the idea that they would discuss the question of "The Worker" as a later meeting.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-1984)
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Albany dated 12/1/60, requesting membership figures from auxiliary offices for period ending December 31, 1960.

No known individuals identified as Communist Party members residing in Knoxville Division. Confidential sources and investigation have failed to reflect any information there is any kind of Communist Party activity or active members in this division. This data reflects no change from previous quarterly report. There have been no members positively or tentatively identified during the preceding 12-month period as Communist Party members in the Knoxville Division.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, BUFFALO (100-10454)

FROM: SA KENNETH P. GLENNON

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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DATE: DEC 16 1960

Source: [REDACTED]

Material: Oral report reduced to writing

Reliability: Has furnished reliable information in the past

Conceal: Yes

Date of Activity: 11/13/60

Date of Report: 11/15/60

Date Received: 11/15/60

Authenticated: 11/28/60

Receiving Agent: SA KENNETH P. GLENNON

Location: [REDACTED]

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Set forth below verbatim is a report received from [REDACTED] concerning a meeting of the Erie County CP Board. At this meeting was a discussion of the recent enlarged State Committee meeting in New York City, the club situation of the Erie County CP and CP funds.

3 - New York (Info.) (RM)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED], GUS HALL)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED], FACTIONALISM)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED], MEMBERSHIP)

15 - Buffalo
(1 - 100-11862, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-11900, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-14881, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-15296, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-12070, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-10958, GUS HALL)
(1 - 100-4379-88, FACTIONALISM)
(1 - 100-4379-69, ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-4379-63, FUNDS)
(1 - 100-11899, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-14055, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-16265, [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-4379-68, MEMBERSHIP)

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(1 - 100- Dead, NORTH PARK CLUB)

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"According to [redacted] there was a meeting of the Erie County Communist Party Board on Sunday, November 13, 1960, at the home of [redacted] [redacted] Those known to be present at the meeting were [redacted]
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"The main topic discussed at the meeting was a report by [redacted] on an enlarged State Committee meeting that had recently taken place in New York. That meeting (enlarged State Committee meeting) was taken up principally by a report submitted by Gus Hall. In his report Gus Hall was critical of the manner in which the New York State Communist Party was carrying out decisions of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. Gus Hall was particularly critical of the situation within the ranks of the Communist Party New York State leadership and he also criticized the failure of the New York State Communist Party to keep pace with the rest of the Communist Party, USA.

"According to [redacted] stated that after Gus Hall gave his report 24 out of 27 people who spoke from the floor of the meeting were critical of Gus Hall's report. These people pointed out to Gus Hall the various accomplishments of the New York State Communist Party in clubs, sections, and areas. These people cited examples of actions taken by these clubs and sections of the New York State Communist Party to implement the line of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA.

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[redacted] reported this attitude on the part of the people at the Enlarged State Meeting shook-up Gus Hall.

[redacted] then said that as a result of [redacted] report on what happened at the Enlarged State Committee meeting, [redacted] [redacted] proposed to the County Board that the county leadership review the work of the Erie County CP since the 17th National Convention; that the County

"Board discuss and pass on this review, and consider submitting the review to the next State Committee meeting.

[redacted] said the County Board then took up a discussion of the club situation in the Erie County CP. The only decisions reached during this discussion were to establish a North Park Club and to include in the West Side Club a number of people who are not already in that club.

"According to [redacted] the County Board then discussed funds. It was decided there should be a campaign to raise more funds by:

"1. To collect money owed to the people who took quotas and made pledges but did not pay up.

"2. To go back over non-Party contacts who might induced to give more money to the Party, and

"3. To ask those who had made pledges and paid up to give an additional ten percent of those paid up pledges. [redacted] was not in accord with this last proposal.

"With regard to the registration drive, it has been learned that registration in the Party is presently going on. As previously reported, [redacted] is doing part of the registration. He is registering members by their first initial only. The registration being done by [redacted] consists of the first initial of the registrant, his nationality, sex, age, length of time in the CP, and mass organizations to which he belonged. [redacted] is also asking the registrants about their attitude towards the CP and what they think of the current events which are taking place in and about the CP. [redacted] was then making notes of the comments of the registrants, particularly of any criticisms and suggestions they have.

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"It has been learned that [redacted]
is now the Membership Director of the Committee for
a Sane Nuclear Policy."

With regard to registration of CP members, [redacted] b7D
was recontacted on 11/28/60. This informant confirmed that the
CP registration he witnessed, as reported above, was done in the
manner described above. This informant was alerted to obtain
any information available regarding registration of CP members.
He stated that he would probably be able to identify a number of
members of the Erie County CP by their club membership and
activity shown in their registration if a listing of registrants
was obtainable. Informant noted that all the women registrants,
if they are older than teenagers, list their age as "over 21."

Copies of this memorandum are being forwarded to the New
York Office in view of its interest in GUS HALL and in the New York
State CP affairs.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-46)

December 22, 1960

SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-213)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ReBulet to Albany, 12/1/60.

There has been no indication of a reactivation
of the CP in Kentucky, therefore, the membership will be
continued to be estimated at zero (0).

2 - Bureau (100-3-46)
1 - New York
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: December 22, 1960

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED]	11/29/60 CP Ship Club Meeting	12/1/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

2 - WFO (REGISTERED MAIL)	100-12125	PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
ORGANIZATION	100-12244	EDUCATION
FACTIONALISM	100-12170	MEMBERSHIP
④ - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)		
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA		
HYMAN LUMER		
MEMBERSHIP		
PHIL BART		

16 - Baltimore

100-13730	[REDACTED]
100-10584	[REDACTED]
100-12412	[REDACTED]
100-10395	[REDACTED]
100-18683	[REDACTED]
100-12490	[REDACTED]
100-11983	ABE KOTELCHUCK
100-13300	[REDACTED]
100-10975	[REDACTED]
100-11640	FUNDS
100-12464	ORGANIZATION
100-12462	YOUTH MATTERS

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"Baltimore, Maryland
December 1, 1960

"The following report concerns a CP Ship Club
meeting held November 29, 1960, at the home of [redacted]

[redacted]

Those in attendance at the meeting in addition to
[redacted] CP District
Board members, and the following Ship Club
members:

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Just prior to the meeting [redacted] some letters
addressed to CP National Committee Members and one per-
tained to the coming CP National Committee meeting
December 16-18, in New York City. [redacted] that
he had received the letters from GEORGE MEYERS,
Chairman of the Maryland - D. C. CP District.

[redacted] also gave [redacted] ten copies of a pamphlet which
contained reprints of articles from the World Marxist
Review published in 1959.

The meeting got under way at about 9:10 p.m. with [redacted]
acting as Chairman.

[redacted] said that he wanted to make a few remarks about the
CP educational classes which were to take place the
following week with HYMAN LUMER, CP National Educational
Secretary, in charge.

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[redacted] said that he wanted the appointment of a club
secretary to be on the agenda since each club was to
have a secretary to meet with the Organizational
Committee once a month. [redacted] said he would also like
to discuss the registration of Party members and the
general organizational setup of the Party locally.

[redacted] then said that on December 3, 1960, educational
classes would take place at 1:00 p.m. at [redacted] home and

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on December 4, 1960, at 1:00 p.m. at [redacted] home. On December 5, 1960, classes would be at 8:30 p.m. at his home and on December 6, 1960, at 8:30 p.m. at [redacted] home.

They then discussed where LUMER would stay and it was decided that he would stay with [redacted] Friday through Sunday, and with [redacted] on Monday and Tuesday.

[redacted] then told the group that he had been having contacts with [redacted] former CP member, and had also seen ABE and [redacted] a former CP member. [redacted] made an inquiry as to the possibility of bringing the KOTELCHUCKS and [redacted] back into the CP.

[redacted] said that ABE KOTELCHUCK had been trying to pull white comrades out of the Party and set up an organization of his own and had been carrying on this type of work in Washington, D. C. He said that KOTELCHUCK did not have any name for his group nor did they have any planned program.

[redacted] then told [redacted] to keep working with youth and that [redacted] and KOTELCHUCK's position would have to be examined before they returned to the Party.

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Most of the others present agreed with [redacted] position with regard to KOTELCHUCK.

[redacted] then told the others that the national leadership wanted a secretary set up in every CP club to collect dues and literature money and to meet with the District Organizer which locally would mean meeting with himself and [redacted] CP District Board member, who were the local Organizational Committee. [redacted] said that the Committee and the secretaries would meet once a month to discuss how to build the Party and carry on Party activities.

They then discussed the appointment of a secretary and it was decided that [redacted] who was already acting as the club secretary, would handle the job.

[redacted] then pointed out that the CP national leadership had

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sent them a letter concerning the registration of members which was the first to take place in many years. He said that the national leadership needed a clear picture as to the size of the Party, how much money was coming in and the distribution of literature.

[redacted] said that he felt that at the next meeting all in the club should register and have their dues paid up-to-date. The rest agreed.

[redacted] then read a letter from PHIL BART, CP National Organizational Secretary, concerning registration and showed them the forms sent with the letter. He then asked [redacted] to get together and prepare registration forms for the club members.

[redacted] told the group that there need be no worry about security since the forms would not go through the mail.

[redacted] then said that all facts should be taken down except the names since the National Organizational Committee only wanted the number of persons and not the names. When [redacted] objected, [redacted] said that he would talk to MEYERS about it.

[redacted] then spoke on organization pointing out that since the 17th National Convention leadership was asking for closer ties between the national and state bodies, he said that the clubs should know what action was being taken by the higher bodies and in turn the leadership should know what was being done by the clubs.

Then [redacted] told the group as to what the Party locally had done in various fields to forward the Party work. This included work in youth, sit-in demonstrations, work in labor and in work with the NALC.

[redacted] said that the Party as a whole must work harder in the future and correct weaknesses.

Discussion followed on [redacted] report and on work in youth and the elections.

Dues were then collected with [redacted] paying \$2 for October

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and November.

[redacted] then sold a copy of the book "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism" to [redacted] for \$.50 along with the "World Marxist Review" for \$.25. [redacted] also bought the same two pieces of material with [redacted] taking an extra copy of the "Fundamentals of Marxism - Leninism."

They then decided that the next meeting be held December 13, 1960, at [redacted]

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The meeting ended about 11:20 p.m.

Just prior to the end of the meeting, [redacted] mentioned that he had recently seen [redacted] a former CP member. [redacted] said that they both recalled the individual."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED] DATE: December 22, 1960

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED]	11/22/60 CP District Committee Meeting	11/24/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS
INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY
OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

1 - WFO (REGISTERED MAIL) ORGANIZATION	4 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL) ORGANIZATION STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY ANTO KRCHMARCK WORKER
5 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL) ORGANIZATION, CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION RELIGION MEMBERSHIP IRVING POTASH	2 - Cleveland (REGISTERED MAIL) ORGANIZATION STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
1 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED MAIL) ORGANIZATION	20 - Baltimore [REDACTED]
2 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED MAIL) RELIGION NEGRO QUESTION	100-12076 100-10584 100-160 100-12412 100-8306
2 - San Diego (REGISTERED MAIL) RELIGION NEGRO QUESTION	100-12175 100-10395 100-18684 100-13730
2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED MAIL) RELIGION NEGRO QUESTION	(Continued on Page 1-a) 100-80638-1797

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100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION
100-13964 DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION MATTERS
100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
100-12170 MEMBERSHIP
100-12462 YOUTH

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"Baltimore, Maryland
November 23, 1960

"On Tuesday, November 22, 1960, a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Maryland was held at 8:30 p.m. at the home of [redacted] Those present were:

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"GEORGE MEYERS noted at the beginning of the meeting that the Washington, D. C. group had cancelled out for this Friday's meeting. MEYERS said that he did not know what the heck was the matter with Washington. MEYERS said that they didn't even want a CP club organization there. As a matter of fact, MEYERS said it appeared that D. C. didn't even want a party organization.

"MEYERS then gave his main report on the results of the recent national elections. MEYERS depicted the KENNEDY victory as a victory for labor and the Negro people. MEYERS said that he disagreed with the line of the Worker. He said that depicting the KENNEDY victory as a victory for the peace camp was a mistake. That KENNEDY was as much, if not more so, a cold warrior as NIXON. MEYERS denounced the KENNEDY appointments of J. EDGAR HOOVER and ALLEN DULLES by KENNEDY as a betrayal of the voters' confidence in KENNEDY. MEYERS explained that the closeness of the popular vote should not be construed as giving KENNEDY an out on his campaign promises. He said that every communist must now, at once, begin putting the pressure on KENNEDY by writing letters and getting letter writing campaigns under way demanding KENNEDY keep his promises. MEYERS said that communists must support the following program in regard to KENNEDY:

"1. Pressure for a meeting between KENNEDY and NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV at once.

"2. Demand that KENNEDY keep hands off Cuba.

"3. Begin as of now to agitate for a labor political party growing out of the present cope machinery.

"MEYERS then said that the goal of the Communist Party for the next elections in Baltimore City and Maryland should be:

"1. Elect a Negro to Congress and all elective posts in the fourth district of Baltimore City.

"2. Elect City Councilmen from the ranks of organized labor.

"3. Mount a broad fight supported by mass action against a city tax.

"MEYERS then examined the role of the Communist Party locally. He stated:

"1. That the current line in Baltimore was correct.

"2. That CP club work must be increased and each club examined in a critical manner.

"3. That more CP leaflets must be made up on all issues.

"4. That special emphasis must be placed on CP work in the labor movement and the Negro people's liberation movement.

"MEYERS then called for a report from the meetings of the Negro Commission and the Steel Commission of the Communist Party and for a discussion of his report on the elections.

[redacted] gave a report of the Negro Commission meeting held in New York City on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 of 1960. [redacted] reported that this Negro Commission meeting was fruitful, more so than ever, because it was agreed that at the next meeting of the Negro Commission to be held on Jan. 14, 1961, that a program for Negro liberation would be drawn up for the Communist Party clubs. [redacted] said that the current target for Communist infiltration was the Negro churches, especially Negro Baptist churches.

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The Party singled out the Negro Baptist churches, he said, because of their relative isolation and independence of any main body and each other. [redacted] said that the Communist Party ordered certain comrades to join church groups and be active in them so as to promote racial agitation and CP inspired mass action. He reported that one woman comrade even though she was a known CP member, had assumed leadership in her church. [redacted] said that the CP was now placing special emphasis on activating Negro women Party members in the liberation battle. [redacted] also reported that the regional CP Negro Commission meeting would now be supplemented by Negro Commission District meetings. [redacted] stated that it was now CP policy for Negro comrades to work openly as communists in their community work and to build, boldly, the Communist Party. The next Negro Commission meeting is to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., [redacted] said.

"MEYERS agreed with [redacted] report and pointed out that on the West Coast that known communists were working in important church councils and were accepted. MEYERS said that a minister, a school mate of MARTIN LUTHER KING, was forming an organization similar to KING's and didn't care where support came from, even from known communists.

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[redacted] then reported on the recent CP Steel Commission meeting in Chicago, Ill. [redacted] reported that ANDY KRCHMARCK had given the initial report to the Steel Commission outlining the causes of the slump in steel as:

- "1. over capacity
- 2. technological change and speed up
- 3. foreign competition

[redacted] reported KRCHMARCK's recommendations for CP action as follows:

- "1. The 30-hour work week
- 2. Fight for extended unemployed insurance
- 3. Organize unemployed councils
- 4. Organized unemployed marches on capitols
- 5. Build the Worker and Communist Party

[redacted] said that IRVING POTASH, Labor Secretary, of

the CP, praised the work of the Baltimore steel group and its contribution to the Steel Commission meeting. [redacted] said that the Baltimore CP line as well as its work and progress was proven correct. [redacted] reported that the next CP Steel Commission meeting would be held on January 14, 1961, in Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] reported that the Community Section now numbered three clubs. One active, two not so active. That there would be a switch in club personnel in the near future in an attempt to activate the nonfunctioning clubs. [redacted] agreed with MEYERS that the main role of the Community Club was to raise the question of peace. [redacted] reported that one comrade and his wife who had been inactive in the Party for the last one year and a half were now paying dues and returning to CP club work and were bringing other new people back in with them.

"MEYERS stated that the CP should openly approach certain peace and pacifist groups around Johns Hopkins and other Universities at once.

"The following motions were offered by MEYERS and they were all adopted.

"1. A joint meeting of Trade Union Clubs
"2. A joint meeting of Community Clubs
"3. An Organization Committee headed by [redacted]
to meet with CP club organizational secretaries.
"4. A Political Action Committee headed by [redacted]
and to include one comrade from the Negro Commission,
the Trade Union group and the community group.
This group to draw up the Maryland CP legislative program
by Dec. 15, 1960. The meeting adjourned at about 12:15 a.m.

"After the meeting, MEYERS informed [redacted] that the Trade Union meeting scheduled for [redacted] house on Sat.. Nov. 26, 1960, at 10:30 a.m. had been changed to [redacted] for the same date at 7:30 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1)

RE: CP-USA
MEMBERSHIP
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Re San Antonio letter to Bureau, 9/30/60,
and Bulet to Albany dated 12/1/60.

On the best available information, there are an estimated seven CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these seven, four of them can be positively identified as CP members and two of them can be tentatively identified as CP members: one is a security informant.

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The above individuals have all been positively and/or tentatively identified as such during the preceding twelve-month period, with the exception of one individual who was tentatively identified prior to that time.

The seven individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veterans and known union members are set forth below:

3-Bureau (AM,RM)

2-New York (100- CP, Membership) AM,RM

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Nationality

American..... 7

Race

White..... 7

Sex

Male..... 6

Female..... 1

Total 7

Veterans

4

Union Members

None known

Employment

Attorney.....	1
Bookkeeper.....	2
Clerk.....	1
Rental Agent.....	1
Salesman.....	1
Unemployed.....	1

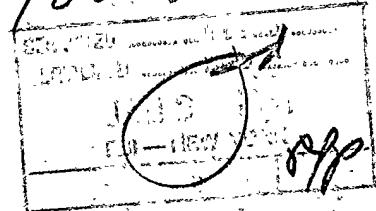
On 12/28/60, [redacted] advised that [redacted] appears to continue as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He continues his efforts to reorganize the CP in this area and is one of the San Antonio representatives on the State Committee of the CP. [redacted] is the Executive Secretary of the CP of Texas. He is also one of the two Texas representatives to the Southern Regional Committee of the CP.

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AIRTEL REGISTERED AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-4)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ReBulet 12/1/60.

The following membership figures for the State of Louisiana for the quarter ending 12/31/60 were furnished by [redacted] The membership figures are based upon the current registration of the CP of Louisiana.

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Race

Negro	11
White	0

Sex

Female	4
Male	7

Union Members

Veterans	4
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Occupations

Housewife	3
Hospital Orderly	1
Longshoreman	1
Nurse	1
勞動者	4
Logcutter	1
Total	11

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18393) DATE: JAN 4 1961

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF THE RAILROAD
INDUSTRY
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On September 22, 1960, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [redacted] [redacted] the following pieces of literature:

1) A two page typewritten mimeographed document entitled "ANALYSIS OF SECTION 308 (d) OF PUBLIC LAW 86-28 AMENDING THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS".

2) Vol. 14, No. 2 Late Edition of the "Railroad Pension Conference" published by the Railroad Pension Conference - P.O. Box 798, New Haven, Conn.

3) A typewritten letter which reads as follows:

6 - New Haven (RM)

1 - 100- [redacted] (COMINFIL RAILROAD INDUSTRY)
1 - 100- [redacted] (RAILROAD PENSION CONFERENCE)
1 - 100- [redacted] (CP, USA - Organization)
1 - 100- [redacted]
1 - 100-11739 (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry)
1 - 100- [redacted] (CP, USA - Membership)

4 - New York (RM)

1 - 100-84935 (COMINFIL RAILROAD INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-109560 [redacted]
1 - 100-128809 (CP, USA, NYD - Strategy in Industry)
1 - 100- [redacted] (CP, USA - Membership)

9 - Chicago

1 - 100-17828 [redacted]
1 - 100-18209 (CP, USA, Ill. District - Pamphlets and Publications)
1 - 100-18953 (CP, USA, Ill. District - Organization)
1 - 100-18952 (CP, USA, Ill. District - Membership)
1 - 100-19431 (CP, USA, Ill. District - Strategy in Industry)
1 - 100-18962 (CP, USA, Ill. District - Security Measures)
1 - 100-12424 (Modern Book Store)

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"Dear [redacted]

"You may have wondered why a number of the enclosed were not forwarded to your city, as in the past.

"The reason is I simply do not want the store to handle them. Since they took them our membership dwindled right down to almost zero. Maybe the store had nothing to do with it, I just do not know.

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"I would appreciate getting a list of those in our industry to whom I could mail a few copies (including Maywood) inorder to build up our resources in your town.

"Elsewhere we are doing nicely and quite well I might add.

"Let's hear from you soon. [redacted] gave me your address.

"The secretary"

[redacted] advised that the envelope containing the above described documents was addressed to [redacted] [redacted] and bore no return address.

[redacted] presumes the documents were sent by [redacted] since [redacted] understands [redacted] is Secretary of the Railroad Pension Conference Bulletin. Regarding the letter (item number 3 described above) [redacted] stated that the writer in referring to the "store", undoubtedly meant "the Modern Book Store". The [redacted] in this letter undoubtedly is [redacted] of New York City.

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A photostat copy of the document entitled "ANALYSIS OF SECTION 308 (d) OF PUBLIC LAW 86-28 AMENDING THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS" is being enclosed

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for the benefit of the New Haven Office since it is not known whether that office may or may not have a copy in their possession.

The Chicago Office presumes that the New Haven Office had a copy of the described "Railroad Pension Conference Bulletin" in their possession and is therefore not enclosing same.

Photostat copies of the above described documents are being maintained in Chicago File Number 100-18393-1a10.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC (100-19431) DATE: 1-4-61
FROM : SA ROBERT E. BOWE
SUBJECT: CP, USA
ILLINOIS DISTRICT
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT E. BOWE of a meeting of CP of Illinois Industrial Section Organizers held in Chicago on September 20, 1960.

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This oral information was written up in narrative report form and subsequently returned to [redacted] for his approval and signature. The signed original narrative report is located in [redacted].

g/H/1
① - New York (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP (RM)
1 - Indianapolis (MANNY BLUM) (RM)

34 - Chicago

[redacted]
1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
1 - 100-644 (LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG)
1 - 100-26652 [redacted]
1 - 100-22483 (LOLA BELLE HOLMES)
1 - 100-19736 [redacted]
1 - 100-18685 [redacted]
1 - 100-12459 (ELO HALL)
1 - 100-22435 [redacted]
1 - 100-24800 [redacted]
1 - 100-23753 [redacted]
1 - 100-22078 [redacted]
1 - 100-24729 (MANNY BLUM)
1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100- [redacted] PI P3
1 - 100-3952 (GIL GREEN)

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1 - 100-18953	(CP, USA, ILL. DISTRICT,	ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-17977	(" "	POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1 - 100-17769	" "	FUNDS)
1 - 100-18209	" "	PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
1 - 100-18956	" "	NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - 100-18957	" "	YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - 100-18338	" "	EDUCATION)
1 - 100-18963	" "	FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-18952	" "	MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-19491	" "	DOMESTIC ADMIN. ISSUES)
1 - 100-18961	" "	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - 100-	(THE WORKER)	
1 - 100-36644	(COMINFIL NALC)	
1 - 100-35480	(LLPE)	
1 - 100-33835	(COPE)	
1 - 100-32864	COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)	

It is to be noted that [redacted] on 10/21/60 recalled that [redacted] was also in attendance at the meeting on 9/20/60. [redacted] name has been added to those in attendance at this meeting.

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[redacted] also advised on 10/21/60 that he had been unable to obtain a copy of the electoral documents mentioned in the attached report, although he had conferred with FLO HALL on 10/11/60 and had anticipated receiving a copy of that document at that time. Accordingly, information pertaining to this electoral document cannot be further documented except as set forth in the attached report.

September 22, 1960
Chicago, Illinois

On the evening of September 20, 1960, there was an enlarged meeting of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois Industrial Sections Organizers at the residence of [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:



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MANNY BLUM and [redacted] were present in the [redacted] in the [redacted] but did not participate in the meeting.

At the outset of this meeting it was announced that there would be a city-wide meeting of CP club organizers on October 7, 1960, at a location to be announced later. There was a brief discussion on this point, and it was indicated that the club organizers will meet in a Club Organizers Council probably once a month on the fourth Friday of each month. At this time it was announced that the next meeting of the Club Organizers Council will be on October 28, 1960, at 7:00 PM at a location to be decided upon later.

An announcement was also made that all Sections should make every effort to raise money by October 15, 1960, which money should be included in the special election fund drive. This fund drive is to be used to raise money to cover the cost of the distribution of "The Worker" and other special election material. This election material will be on both the state and national elections.

Before the meeting formally started, FLO HALL asked if any of the Section representatives had any money to turn in. She also showed one copy of a document which she described as the Party election platform. She said that this document is to be sent to union leaders in a pamphlet form and will cost ten cents per copy. HALL did not pass this document around nor were additional copies available at this meeting.

All were also requested to send greeting cards to GIL GREEN on his birthday. His address was given as GIL GREEN, PMB 73335, Leavenworth, Kansas.

An announcement was made concerning the forum to be held on September 25, 1960, at Orchestra Hall, 410 South Michigan, at which CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and SAM KUSHNER will be the main speakers.

In the regular portion of this meeting, FLO HALL spoke on Party organization and SAM KUSHNER spoke on the election campaign.

Party Reorganization
Report by FLO HALL

HALL stated that it has been decided that the new organizational plan for the Illinois District should be discussed in every Section. This discussion should be based on the condition of the Party and its work as it exists in that Section. This discussion should cover such points as the implementation of the Party members in the various Sections into trade union work.

HALL also stated what efforts had been made concerning the organizational changes up to the time of this meeting. She reported that these proposed changes almost eliminate the Section Committees of each Section. HALL also reviewed the work of the Industrial Council up to this time. She tried to indicate the disadvantages of the old Industrial Council and the old organizational form up to this time, while at the same time showing the reasons for the new change. She indicated that the new organizational form would eliminate so much overlapping as there had been before.

HALL stated that under the old system the Section organizer was sent back to report to the Section Committee as a whole after each meeting. The Section organizer then had to have this information reported to the units, etc. This took a lot of time before the information originally received by the Section Organizer got down to the clubs. Also, the clubs were not always working on the matter that was discussed at the original meeting. She pointed out that now the club organizer would be able to go directly to the clubs without reporting to the Section Committee first, etc. Also the work of this Club Organizers Council could be such that it could make recommendations to the District Committee and District Board. These recommendations could be both programmatic and organizational.

Another point that HALL stressed was that this new form of organization conforms with the other organizational forms of the Party with respect to such committees and commissions as the Negro Commission, the Youth Commission, the Education Commission, etc. HALL listed seven such committees or commissions in all. The individual members of each club will be assigned tasks to work with the listed commissions. At each club meeting the club representative on each of the committees or commissions will be responsible to see that his part of the meeting is taken up and that plans are discussed to put the decisions of his committee or commission into use.

In general HALL outlined what will be done under the new organizational set up in the Illinois District.

At the end of HALL's report, the meeting was opened to discussion and questions were raised from the floor. [redacted] said that he wanted to ask about nine different questions but HALL said that this was not in order. [redacted] did discuss the following:

How is the work of this Industrial Club Organizers Council going to be checked on? Does the (CP of Illinois) Board plan on having a single person to which the Council will be responsible? He said he did not see how this Council could function without someone to head it. [redacted] said he also wanted to know about the plan of work for this Council. Is each section going to sit in on the discussions?

How is this organizational setup going to involve the Community Sections in assisting to a greater degree in industrial work?

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[redacted] did not get any further on his questions because a discussion developed at this time. FLO HALL did not have the answers to his questions which were convincing to [redacted] and the others.) In reply to [redacted] questions, HALL said that some sections had already discussed this matter but had not decided anything on it.

[redacted] condemned the whole plan, saying it just won't work unless you have a titled labor leader to preside over this body and check its work. This leader should also give ideas and make recommendations concerning the problems which will arise in each industrial section. He added that many club organizers are in name only as far as being functional goes. They are very loose and only hang in the balance. They do not meet regularly. Other Party work is not acted upon except for "The Worker."

LOLA BELLE HOLMES spoke of her assignment in the Negro American Labor Council (NALC). She said that the Party has had this thing dumped in its lap and has not made any decision on what Party work will be involved in the NALC. She said that the Party forces have some very healthy forces in the NALC and also noted there is a potential split in the NALC. She explained that this difference arose between the ABNER forces and the CROWDER group in the Chicago NALC. The former leans toward a real militant fight for Negro rights, while the latter leans towards A. PHILIP RANDOLPH's ideas.

In mentioning her assignment in the NALC, HOLMES also spoke of NATE SHARPE's assignment in that organization. Also, LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG has been appointed to handle problems of the NALC pertaining to the steel union.

This criticism raised by HOLMES opened up the door for some real criticism launched by [redacted] and increased by [redacted]

[redacted] said that the Party should discuss the structure of the working class at the present time because that structure is changing. This change is due to the new and improved methods of production. It is also due to automation and other changes in production methods. The Party should have a long-range program on industrial work.

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[redacted] also mentioned the coming trade union convention and pointed out that it has not been discussed here. (This was a reference to the State of Illinois AFL-CIO convention scheduled to begin on October 10, 1960, in Peoria, Illinois.)

LOU DISKIN agreed with [redacted] in his comments. He recalled the situation in auto where the Party did not follow through with a plan or program. He also noted JAMES HOFFA's position at the present time toward the two different candidates for President. HOFFA has issued a statement indicating that he is not supporting either candidate.

NATE SHARPE spoke of some things he has been doing in the Kankakee area and reported on the reaction of people he had approached regarding this work. SHARPE noted their reaction was good. In commenting upon the Negroes' reaction to the question of peace, SHARPE said that while they are in favor of it, they do not consider it to be the main consideration. Negroes say that if we do not get just consideration there just won't be any peace.

He pointed out that the question of a tight form of organization on this point has not been settled yet. It will be taken up at the next meeting of the NALC.

Continuing, SHARPE indicated that the Party will have to do away with some Party groups in industry. He mentioned, for example, there are only "1½ people" in the garment industry section of the Party.

Someone else stated that changing the organizational form of the Party is not enough. To make progress the Party must grasp hold of something and make an impression in its work in order to get more people to come into the Party.

(It was also mentioned at this meeting that during the past year the Illinois Bistrict obtained 14 new people in the Party. It was believed to be FLO HALL who stated that this represented two-thirds of all new people coming into the Party during the past year. It was noted that HALL did not further explain the use of the word year in this case and also it might be pointed out that this would mean that during the past year the entire CP-USA has received only approximately 21 new members.)

Election Campaign-
Report by SAM KUSHNER

KUSHNER started out by giving the background of some of the events which occurred about a year ago and came on up to the present time where there are certain forces in the labor movement which do not have unity with one another. He asked what should be done with these labor groups especially with regard to the presidential election. He also recalled a COPE meeting at Springfield where the steel union forced the COPE convention to adopt an attitude for stronger organizational methods for COPE. This was adopted although it was not in keeping with the wishes of [redacted] who opposed it mildly. They opposed it because it went against the hand picking of candidates by [redacted]

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KUSHNER recalled that the next turning point was the speech of HARRY BRIDGES. This was followed by the speech given by [redacted] of the United Auto Workers (UAW). He mentioned that all of these things were an outgrowth of Vice President NIXON's discussions with KHRUSHCHEV when he went to Russia. Also the U-2 incident and IKE's proposed visit occurred during the past year. KUSHNER noted that this brought about a condition in the trade unions whereby a delegation of trade unionists

visiting Russia was made possible. Now these trade unionists are prepared to make a full report on what they saw and learned while in Russia. Also there is a possibility for a major trade union delegation to again go to Russia.

Continuing, KUSHNER said that in spite of these very favorable developments and changes within the labor movement, we have not utilized the handles available to gain the greater benefit. He said we should make some definite decisions even prior to the CIO convention (October 9, 1960) at Springfield. We should see that certain issues are brought before the CIO convention. In order to do this we should anticipate making COPE hold a city-wide meeting in Chicago. He noted that COPE did hold such a meeting, but it turned out to be a Democratic rally, and that left very much to be desired. WALTER REUTHER made the main speech at this affair, and it was one of the lousiest.

KUSHNER said there were about 1,000 people and this was supposed to be a city-wide meeting!

KUSHNER reiterated that we should move towards COPE and really hold a city-wide meeting prior to the election. He stressed that in this rally they would not have the theme that all Democrats are good and all Republicans are bad. Also, they should try to involve all the union heads, even those in LLPE, and urge all labor heads to unity in this rally.

KUSHNER said that it had been decided by WALTER REUTHER in a meeting held recently that all COPE headquarters will be open daily. He noted REUTHER did not give the address of all COPE headquarters.

(It was later pointed out that the address for COPE units in Chicago was not well known. Therefore, those present at this meeting were requested to prepare a list of COPE headquarters which would be submitted to Party headquarters. These COPE headquarters then would be sent some election material. SAM KUSHNER is in charge of this activity.)

KUSHNER also spoke of the weaknesses in registering people so that they can vote in the November election. The unions are not taking this registration seriously enough. The unions should take cognizance of this in speaking of the unions themselves. KUSHNER said that only 27% of the union members are registered. (At this point NATE SHARPE injected that 30% of his union has been registered).

KUSHNER mentioned some union that is the only union that correctly labeled the Landrum-Griffin Bill as the "Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Bill". He said that this union (believed to be the Teamsters Union) also has no use for NIXON and is raising the question of a third party. KUSHNER added that JAMES HOFFA spoke last night at the Shoreham Hotel and was to raise the question of a third party at that time.

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[redacted] said that the UE Union is another union that has not endorsed either KENNEDY or NIXON. That union has also mentioned a third party.

KUSHNER said that he thought the material discussed at this meeting was so important that no decision should be made regarding it. He said that the matter should be taken back to the sections by the section representatives present and discussed in the sections. After the sections have discussed these points and made their decisions on it, then the results of their discussions and decisions should be brought back to the next meeting of the Industrial Section Organizers.

(It was noted, however, that this topic was not placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Industrial Section Organizers.)

During this meeting it was recalled that FLO HALL stated that the CP has both the national and state platforms on the election. Copies of the state platform cost two cents each. As previously mentioned, HALL had a copy of this platform but did not distribute it at this time.

Prior to the conclusion of this meeting the agenda for the next meeting of this group was announced as:

1. What is happening in the UAW.
2. What is happening on peace work in Chicago.

MANNY BLUM, who was present in the BLUM apartment during this meeting, did not participate in it. At the end of the meeting he did talk with some of those present. At this time he said that his business (as a tutor) has increased since an article concerning him appeared in the Chicago Tribune. He said that one woman called him and said that she saw in the paper that he is a mathematics tutor. This woman said she has a son who is very slow in reading and wondered if BLUM could help him. BLUM said he told her he only taught mathematics.

BLUM said that another woman also called him about tutoring her son, and added that in all he had received three calls asking about his tutoring work. He said, somewhat jokingly, that the article in the paper was advertising for him.

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:00 PM.

January 4, 1961

PLAIN TEXT

ATTACH: REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12170)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
ELECTION DIVISION
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On January 3, 1961, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on January 1, 1961, GEORGE LEVINS, National Executive Committee member and Chairman of the Maryland - D. C. District, spoke to a fellow District Board member.

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During the conversation LEVINS instructed the other District Board member present to register local Party members. He instructed the other Board member to take a piece of paper and without putting down the name of the Party member to get information about his national origin, the union of which he was a member, length of time in the Party, the type of CP activity in which he was engaged and the type of CP literature he read.

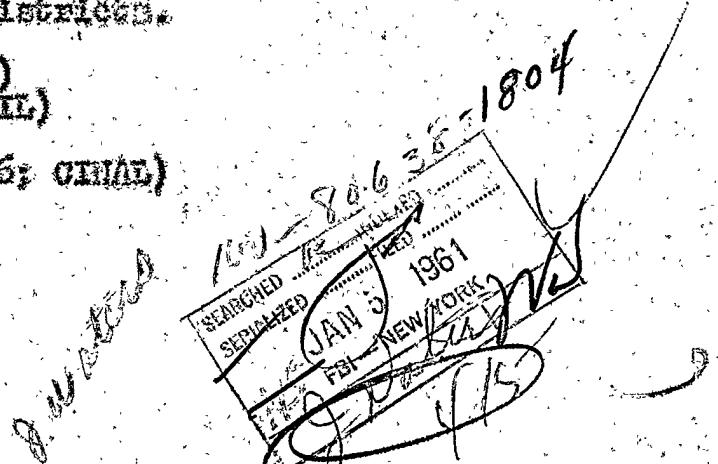
LEVINS then explained that the CP headquarters wanted to know the composition of the Party. He added that he felt sure that it was mostly working class at the present time. He concluded by saying that he doubted whether they would get full information from all districts.

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
3 - Baltimore [REDACTED]
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SAC, ATLANTA (100-4037)

1/5/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-83317)

HOSEA HUDSON, aka.
SM-C
(OO: NY)

Re Atlanta letter 11/18/60, entitled, "CP, USA -
MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY + C."

New York maintains extensive and comprehensive informant coverage on both the CP NY State and National headquarters at NY, and to date, has received no information indicating HUDSON has made or plans to make any trips to the South.

On 3/19/57, [redacted] advised that JAMES JACKSON had stated that HOSEA HUDSON's health was failing and that he would never again work for the CP in the South.

On 1/5/61, [redacted] observed HUDSON performing his porter duties at the Cookery Lafayette, 21 University Place, NYC, where he continues to be employed.

If NY obtains any information indicating HUDSON's departure for the South, Atlanta will be advised.

2-Atlanta (100-4037) (RM)

1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - Membership) (415)

1-New York (100-83317)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1894) (424) DATE: 1/11/61
FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION
IS - C

Identity of Source [redacted]

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Description of info

Meeting of Upper East Side
CP Section Committee, 12/19/60

Date Received

12/20/60

Original Located [redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - [redacted]
1 - New York (100-26776) (CHARLIE DIRBA) (424)
1 - New York (100-98523) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-97632)
1 - New York (100-102887)
1 - New York (100-81285)
1 - New York (100-66715)
1 - New York (100-128817) (CP, USA, NYD, MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1 - New York (100-128804) (CP, USA, NYD, YOUTH) (414)
1 - New York (100-80644) (CP, USA, YOUTH) (415)
1 - New York (100-128809) (CP, USA, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (414)
1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (CP, USA, NYD, NY COUNTY) (421)
1 - New York (100-128814) (CP, USA, NYD, ORGANIZATION) (414)
1 - New York (100-54555) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-67234) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-26603-C1894) (424)

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New York, New York
Dec. 20, 1960

On the evening of December 19, 1960 the Section Committee of the Upper East Side CP Section met at the residence of [redacted] New York City. This meeting began at 8:30 p.m. with the following persons present:



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The total membership of the section committee is [redacted]. At the outset of this meeting [redacted] phoned CHARLIE to advise him she would be unable to attend the meeting.

[redacted] gave a report on the N.Y. County CP Committee reorganization. In this report she said that [redacted] is no longer the N.Y. Co. Chairman as she has been elevated to the State organization as the State Administrative Secretary. [redacted] has been replaced by [redacted] who with a committee of five will govern the NY County organization without salary.

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[redacted] then gave a report covering the planning of the N.Y. County and State CP for future work. She said that greater emphasis will be placed upon the youth and the labor with recruiting efforts being directed toward these two groups. She cited as an example 100 new recruits into the CP from youth. She said this new group of recruits are being instructed to seek jobs wherin they can join unions and then work in these unions toward leadership positions. These individuals, she emphasized must not openly admit CP membership so as not to hinder their advancement in the unions.

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The youth, [redacted] stated, want more voice in the policy of the CP, they feel they should be given a chance to build the Party.

A vote was taken to approve these reports and the meeting ended at 10 30 pm.

DISTRICT _____ NUMBER OF CLUBS _____

AGE: Number: 18 to 25 _____
25 to 35 _____
35 to 45 _____
45 to 55 _____
55 and over _____

Male _____ Female _____

Length of time in Party:

5 years or less _____
5 to 10 years _____
10 to 15 years _____
15 to 25 years _____
more than 25 yrs. _____

Charter members _____

Name of Unions: (list number in each of major unions in your area and include all others in unions under category of "union members")

Name of Organizations: (list major organizations to which members belong)

NO. of readers of WORKER
" " " " " PEOPLES WORLD
Obtained at Newsstand _____
Home delivery _____
at Club meeting _____

No. of readers of POLITICAL AFFAIRS _____

Add any additional information you deem valuable to National Organization
Department:

Jan. 1961

January 5, 1961

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Dear Comrades:

We are sending you a tabulation sheet in connection with registration. This should be compiled from your club reports and transmitted to us as early as possible. We would appreciate your making arrangements to send it to us, especially if you can send it along for the meeting of the National Committee which is scheduled for January 20th. We therefore urge that you make this compilation to reach us by that time.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

P.S. We are enclosing copy of a release issued in relation to Cuba which should be utilized by you in every way possible.

1/11/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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(OO:NY)

On 1/6/61, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA JOHN E. HEATING and SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a mimeographed letter from PHIL BART addressed "To All Districts", and dated 1/5/61, and a one page mimeographed enclosure. One photostat copy of the above noted letter and enclosure are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and to New York Office.

The letter reflects that a tabulation sheet was being enclosed for use in connection with the current CP, USA, registration, and that this form was to be compiled from club reports. It was suggested that the tabulation sheet be forwarded to the National Office as early as possible and reflected the desire that it be completed so as to reach the National Office by 1/20/61, the date of the National Committee meeting, CP, USA.

The original of the above noted letter and enclosure are being maintained in Chicago file 100-33740.

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3 - Bureau (Encl.1) (RM)
2 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-30638 (CP, USA - Membership) (Encl.1)
1 - 100-58576 (PHIL BART)
2 - Chicago
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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(OO: NY)

DATE: 1/25/61

Re NY letter to Bureau dated 7/15/60, captioned
as above.

On 1/10/61, NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. The material included what is believed to be a compilation of dues units received, a unit representing the payment of a member's dues for a month without regard to amount. The dues are listed as received by districts and the first six months of 1959 are compared with the 12 month period of 1960, the latter period by separate months.

Also compared for the two periods are initiation payments, indicated by "INI."

A review of the totals given on the compilation would indicate that for the 12 months of 1960, the CPUSA had an average membership of 3, 273 (39,276 divided by 12) with 131 being recruited in the period.

The data appearing in this material is attached.

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2-Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
1-All Offices (100-) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (Info) (RM)
1-New York (100-128817) (CPUSA-NY DISTRICT-MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1-New York (100-80638) (415)

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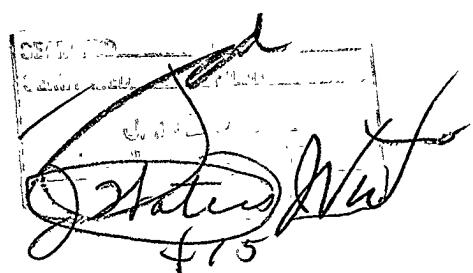
Date received <u>1/11/61</u>	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted]	Received by <u>SA JOHN A. HAAG</u>
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
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Remarks:

1 - [redacted]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C320)

DATE: 1/18/61

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NYD-BRONX COUNTY CP
KINGSBRIDGE-FORDHAM CP CLUB
IS-C

Identity of Source

[redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

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Description of Info

Meeting of Kingsbridge-Fordham
CP Club (Bronx County) at 2904
Walton Ave., Bronx, NY, 12/28/60

Date Received

1/3/61

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SA JOHN A. HAAG-written

Original Location

A copy of informant's written report follows.

1-NY 100-47060
1-NY 100-62050
1-NY 100-133682
1-NY 100-130860
1-NY 100-78105
1-NY 100-129336
1-NY 100-60894
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1-NY 100-80638 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1-NY 100-80641 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION) (415)
1-NY 100-26603-C40 (CPNYD-BRONX COUNTY) (421)
1-NY 100-128314-C (CPNYD-BRONX-FUNDS) (421)
1-NY 100-128314 (CPNYD-FUNDS) (414)
1-NY 100-54555
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Report Communist Party USA Dec. 29, 1960
 Activities New York

A meeting of the Kingsbridge-Fordham Club of the Bronx CP was held on Dec. 28th, 1960 at [redacted]
[redacted] NY.

The following members of the club were present at this meeting:
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[redacted] "led a discussion" on the "resolution of the gathering of representatives of the 81 Communist Parties in Moscow."

She read parts of this resolution and explained that "there is not much change in this resolutions from what it was said in the resolution of the 12 Communist Parties which was adopted in Moscow in 1957." She underlined that the "idea of coexistence" follows the same line as the one adopted in the resolution of 1957.

She claimed that the major task of "our party" and the Communist Parties of the world is "to mobilize humanity, all the people, everyone for a struggle for peace."

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[redacted] stated that "monopoly capital remains the main enemy of the peaceful efforts of the socialist world" and that "US imperialism is the bulwark of world reaction." She claimed that "the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union is strong enough today to prevent a war which otherwise the monopolists would have started in their efforts to dominate the world. Take for an example Cuba, US imperialism would have strangled the Cuban revolution just as it did in Guatemala but the warning given by Comrade KHRUSHCHEV stopped the US from interfering in Cuba. This one example shows the strength of the socialist camp."

[redacted] stated that "the resolution correctly underlines that "capitalism is declining and that socialism is

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growing stronger. The world is now entering a period in history which should be marked as the period of emancipation, as a period of freeing itself from economic exploitation and political freedom." [redacted] said that "our party can, should and will play a great role in the struggle for peace in socialism in our country. Our party is small today but history placed us in a position of leading the working class and the people to peace in socialism. We must mobilize all our efforts for the task of mobilizing all our people in this struggle."

There was a discussion on [redacted] report. All of the "comrades" agreed with [redacted] report and [redacted] underlined that "we should not think of our party (CP) in terms of numbers but in terms of moral strength, in terms of our historical role and in terms of the part that we have the science of Marxism-Leninism which helps us to organize and lead the masses. Also, the fact is that we are not as small as one would think. We must remember that we belong to a party which has 36,000,000 members."

[redacted] also chaired the meeting reported that the CP is now in process of reorganization. She said that the county committee will now be "some kind of a county council composed of the chairman of the clubs" and that each club will have "a full staff. This is done for the purpose of strengthening the political activities of the clubs in the communities. One of our tasks will be the organization of peace groups in the communities and the participation in the peace efforts of the existing peace groups. Such as the Sane organizations."

[redacted] reported that the club raised up to date some \$1,400 for the CP fund drive. She proposed that the club should raise \$250 more. "This will put us over the top."

[redacted] proposed that the club should organize a house party to be held on Jan. 21, 1961-the week-end of the meeting of the NCCP in New York and to invite to this party as "guest of honor" one or two members of the NC from out of town and to raise money for the club, for the completion of the fund drive.

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This proposal was exepeted .. A committee of 3-
[redacted] was appointed to get a house and
to work out details for such a party. [redacted] brought
a donation of \$25.00 which he "got from a friend" for the
CP fund drive and [redacted] gave \$10.00.

[redacted] turned over to [redacted] "the 1st sub which I got
for the coming sub drive of The Worker." The sub is for
one year for [redacted] NY.

[redacted] told the meeting that we cannot give at present
any details on the sub drive, because this is also in the
stage of reorganization. He said that he will have more
details after Jan. 5th, after the meeting of the Advisory
Council. He claimed that [redacted] will be in charge
of NY State press activities of the party."

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the
Kingsbridge-Fordham CP Club on January 11th, 1961 at [redacted]
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 1/31/61

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 1/23/61, at New York, reflects activity of the CP, USA for the quarterly period 10/1/60 to 12/31/60. Details of such activity may be

1-NY (100-80641) (CPUSA - Organization) (415)
1-NY (100-80638) (CPUSA - Membership) (415)
1-NY (100-74560) (CPUSA - Funds) (415)
1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - Security Measures) (415)
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - Underground Operations) (415)
1-NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - Factionalism) (415)
1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - International Relations) (415)
1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - United Nations) (415)
1-NY (100-87212) (CPUSA - Colonial Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-79717) (CPUSA - Political Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-80636) (CPUSA - Legislative Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-89691) (CPUSA - Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
1-NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - Negro Question) (415)
1-NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - Youth Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - Women Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - Farmers Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - Cultural Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - Veterans Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - National Groups) (415)
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - Religion) (415)
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - Education) (415)
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - Attempts of CP To Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (415)
1-NY (100-140277) (CP Interest In Puerto Rican Independence) (413)
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- Factionalism
- International Relations
- United Nations
- Political Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Negro Question
- Youth Matters
- National Groups
- Religion
- Pamphlets and Publications
- Education
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations

No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period, 10/1/60 to 12/31/60, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

- Colonial Matters
- Legislative Matters
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Cultural Activities
- Veterans Matters
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: January 17, 1961

FROM: ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Bulets to SAC, Albany,
copies to all offices, dated 10-10-60 and 11-9-60,
captioned as above.

It was pointed out in referenced letters
that the Communist Party, USA, had scheduled a
national registration of all Party members to be
completed by 12-31-60. All offices were instructed
to take appropriate steps to assure that coverage
of the Party's registration program would result
in the securing of current membership data.

Inasmuch as the Party's registration was
scheduled to have been completed by 12-31-60, each
office should advise the Bureau by letter no later
than 2-3-61 as to the extent of its success in
securing current membership data. The Bureau
desires to be advised of any unusual investigative
techniques which were utilized successfully in
securing membership data.

2 = All Offices

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you will submit
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T. J. Waters QW

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for
DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

February 30, 1961

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND
REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY
PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On January 27, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the information appearing on the following page to SAC CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD V. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on January 30, 1961.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
② - New York (RM) 100-80638
① - 100-128817 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BAET)
2 - Chicago
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January 30, 1961

PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), in late January, 1961, had in his possession a dues report relating to the year 1960 which reflected a total of 46,064 dues payments from all Districts of the CP, USA. According to PHIL BART, the total dues payments for the year 1960 were slightly less than the total dues payments for 1959; however, he anticipated that more dues payments would be coming into the National Office, CP, USA, in New York and that these would be counted in the 1960 totals.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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ReBulet, 1/17/61.

Information available through informants of the NYO indicates that the registration campaign that was launched by the National Office of the CP, USA, on 10/25/60, and scheduled to be completed by 12/31/60, was not finished by the end of the period, as far as the New York District of the Party is concerned.

NY 2002-S* and NY 2017-S*, sources having access to the records maintained by the National and NY State offices, respectively, of the CPUSA, were contacted on 1/10/61, and failed to provide any data with respect to completion of the registration campaign. Other informants, in a position to report on discussion conducted in those Party offices, have not reported any statements by Party officials bearing on the progress of the registration.

In the counties of New York City, informants have reported as late as 2/1/61, that registration is incomplete. This has been reported by [redacted] in Kings County, [redacted] in Queens County, [redacted] in Bronx County and [redacted] in New York County. NY 3158-S* advised on 1/11/61, that at a meeting of the Trade Union Commission of the CP, USA, that registration for the Industrial Division had not been completed and no figures were available.

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The NYO is utilizing all its informants in order to secure as early as possible both National registration data and data provided by the various districts, New York included. As soon as available, data obtained will be forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices.

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Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated January 25, 1961, same caption, copies to all offices, containing an enclosure believed to represent a compilation of individual dues units during the first six months of 1959 and during the entire twelve-month period of 1960.

Although this material is valuable from a standpoint relating to Party finances, the Bureau desires to point out that dues payments are not a true index of Communist Party (CP) membership. Authoritative statements by CP officials clearly indicate that the Party uses the omnibus term "member" to include both those who pay and those who do not pay dues regularly.

[redacted] who was a representative of the Communist International in the United States prior to World War II and who was an authority on Party organization, stated it would be wrong to use the average number of dues paid as a final estimate of CP membership as there are thousands of members in the Party who do not pay dues. [redacted] observed that the membership is, at least, twenty-five per cent higher than the average dues payments.

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This matter is being brought to your specific attention so that you will not adjust your estimated membership figures to bring them in line with the figures in relet pertaining to dues payments. You should continue to base your estimated membership on information received from reliable informants and sources rather than on dues payments. You are reminded that any increase or decrease in estimated membership figures previously submitted must be explained in detail in the cover pages of your quarterly report.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) DATE: 2/1/61 b7D

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 1/25/61, [redacted] advised that on 1/22/61, he observed a CPUSA dues chart which was in the possession of PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary. Informant advised he was able to recall the following figures on this chart:

2 - Bureau	(100-3-68) (RM)
1 - Boston	(100-) (CPUSA-NEW ENGLAND DIST.-MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
1 - Chicago	(100-18952) (CPUSA - ILLINOIS DIST. - MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
1 - Cleveland	(100-) (CPUSA - OHIO DIST. - MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
1 - Detroit	(100-) (CPUSA - MICHIGAN DIST.-MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles	(100-) (CPUSA-SOUTHERN CALIF. DIST.- MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
1 - Minneapolis	(100-) (CPUSA-MINNESOTA DIST.-MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
2 - Newark	(100-) (CPUSA-NEW JERSEY DIST.-MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
1 - [redacted]	[redacted] (INV) (41)
1 - NY 100-128817	(CPNYD - MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1 - NY 100-80638	(415)

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Dues Payments	1959	54,000 stamps	(National)
" "	1960	44,000 "	(National)
" "	1960 New York District	21,000 stamps	
	Illinois District	3,600 "	
	Minnesota District	1,700 "	
	Los Angeles District	8,000 "	
	Michigan District	1,300 "	
	New England District	850 "	
	New Jersey District	811 "	
	(New Jersey - 1959 -	1,650 ")
	Ohio District	1,200 or 1,300 "	

The informant pointed out that each stamp represents a monthly dues payment and the above figures divided by twelve would result in the number of paid-up members in the Communist Party.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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DATE: 2/7/61

ReNYlet, 12/6/60.

As of 2/1/61, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1,907

2- Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
1- New York (100-26603) (NY State CP) (414)
1- New York (100-26603-C40) (Bronx) (421)
1- New York (100-26603-C41) (Queens) (423)
1- New York (100-26603-C42) (New York) (424)
1- New York (100-26603-C43) (Kings) (422)
1- New York (100-26603-C44) (Westchester) (421)
1- New York (100-26603-C45) (Nassau) (423)
1- New York (100-132430) (Industrial Division) (42)
① 1- New York (100-80638) (CP, USA Membership) (415)
1- New York (100-128817) (414)

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(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	67
(3)	Number of members identified to date (2/1/60 - 2/1/61)	849
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	13
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date (2/1/60 - 2/1/61)	52

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns
in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification; "T"
represents tentative identifications.)

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Organization	Total 12/1/60 P/T	New Since 12/1/60 P/T	Deletions and Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 2/1/61 P/T	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	149/6	7/1	-14/-1	-7/0	142/6	245
Kings County	160/5	3/4	-10/-1	-7/3	153/8	306
Queens County	122/7	0/0	-1/0	-1/0	121/7	116
NY County	220/7	32/4	-36/-2	-4/2	216/9	502
Nassau County	17/1	0/0	-4/-1	-4/-1	13/0	61
Westchester County	3/0	6/1	-1/0	5/1	8/1	50
Industrial	229/37	19/3	-52/-19	-33/-16	196/21	638
	900/63	67/13	-118/-24	-51/-11	849/52	1918 (*)

(*) The difference between 1918 and 1907 is due to the fact that NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60 estimated the upstate membership as 85, whereas Albany and Buffalo Offices have advised their estimate of the upstate membership is 96.

Thus, NYO arrived at its estimate of CP members of 1,907 by taking the total membership of the NY District CP figure of 2,003, furnished by NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, and deducting therefrom an Upstate estimate of 96 made by Albany and Buffalo Offices rather than deducting the figure of 85 members obtained from NY 2358-S* which would result in a total of 1,918.

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There is outlined below pertinent information received concerning the estimated current membership:

The estimate of 1,907 is based upon the following information derived from the source noted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
New York County	502	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Queens County	116	
Bronx County	245	
Kings County	306	
Westchester Mid-Hudson	50	
Nassau	61	
Industrial Division	<u>638</u>	
(Total Computed)	1918	

The decrease of 23 in the total estimated membership is attributed to the increase of the Bronx estimate of 12, the New York estimate of 2 and the Westchester estimate of 1; a total increase in estimate of 15 against which is offset the decrease in the Kings estimate of 4 and the Queens estimate of 34, a total decrease of 38, which offsets the increase of 15 for a total decrease of 23.

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AND APPROXIMATELY 2000 HRS. BUDGET. A COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED
TO KEEPS A HIGH POINT IN THE WORK. THEY HAVE PROPOSED
THEIR BUDGET AND LOGGED ON JUNE 25TH. IN 2010 BUDGET OF
THEIR BUDGET WAS TO DO WITH THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED.

THESE INDIVIDUALS FIND THEMSELVES IN A POSITION OF PROVIDING A CARD FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DISCOURAGED IN THE PARTY. THESE CARDS, WHICH WILL BE CARTELLIZED, NEED TO BE SHIPPED OUT, AND EACH HAVE CARDS ON THEM TWO BOOKS INDIVIDUALS. THEY WILL FORM A GROUP WHICH CAN CALL THEMSELVES THE PUPPY CARDS. TO AVOID THIS, THEY MAY BE OBLIGED TO SUBORDINATE THE PUPPY GROUP OF MEMBERS TO THEM. THE PUPPY WILL BE OBLIGED TO USE MEMBERS FOR SELLING AND ORGANIZING THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

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5	2500 (25-2-00)(11)	100-2500 (100-2500-10000)(100)
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7	625 (6-2-00)(11)	100-625 (100-625-10000)(100)
8	312.5 (3-2-00)(11)	100-312.5 (100-312.5-10000)(100)
9	156.25 (1-2-00)(11)	100-156.25 (100-156.25-10000)(100)
10	78.125 (0-2-00)(11)	100-78.125 (100-78.125-10000)(100)
11	39.0625 (0-1-00)(11)	100-39.0625 (100-39.0625-10000)(100)
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commented that she was not too sure about the workability of the plan and she felt that the problem is one more of "the comrades not wanting to ask people to join the Party." PHIL retorted that the problems are different in different places. He said that he had been studying figures and that as an example, Manhattan has the greatest number of recruits but actually a large number of them are "exes", who have come back into the Party which really means that places like Illinois really have shown a greater number or percentage of new recruits. He said that he is sure the card idea will work and as an example cited a young man who had come to the National Office asking to join the Party. He said everybody shunned and moved away from this person until finally someone told him to get some of his friends together and the Party would give them instructions.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

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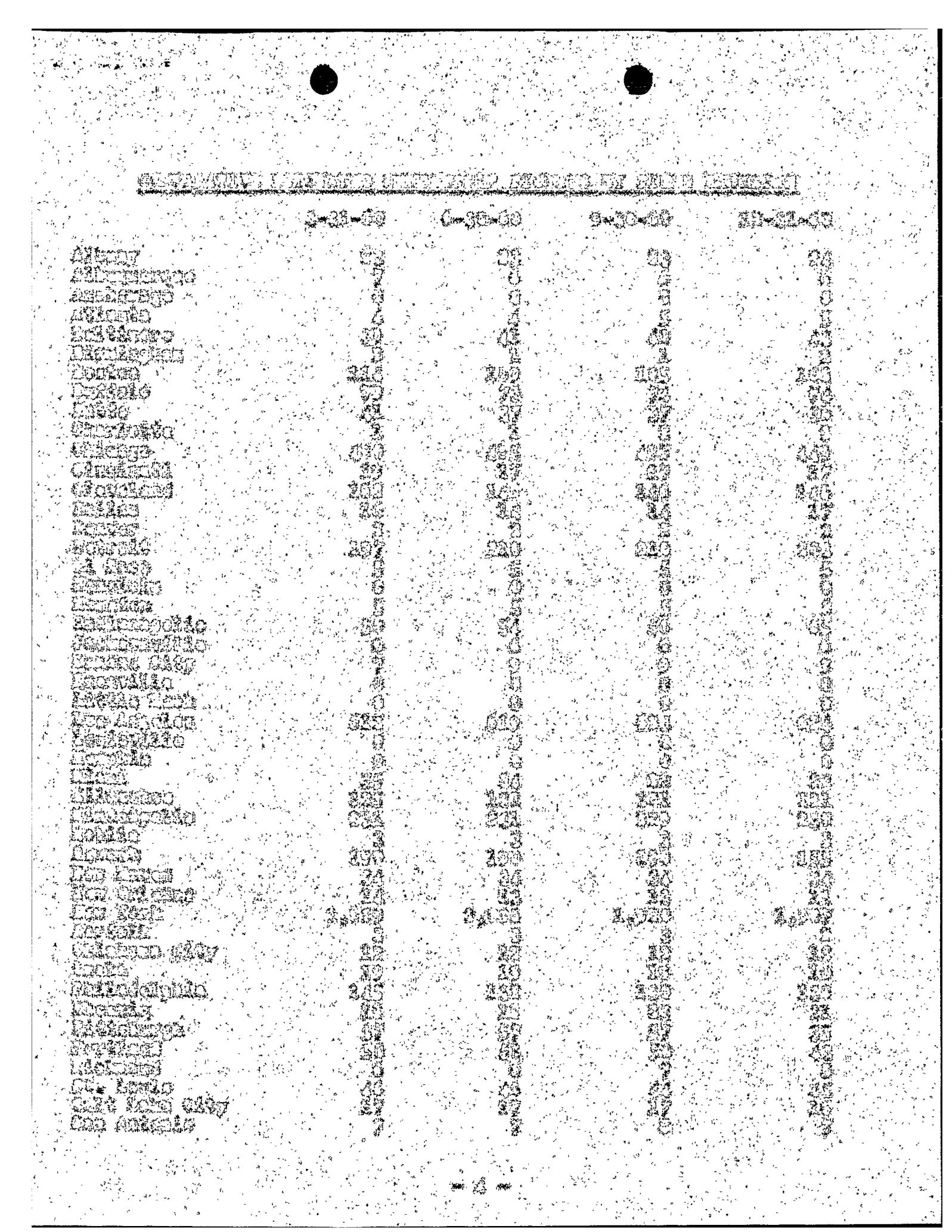
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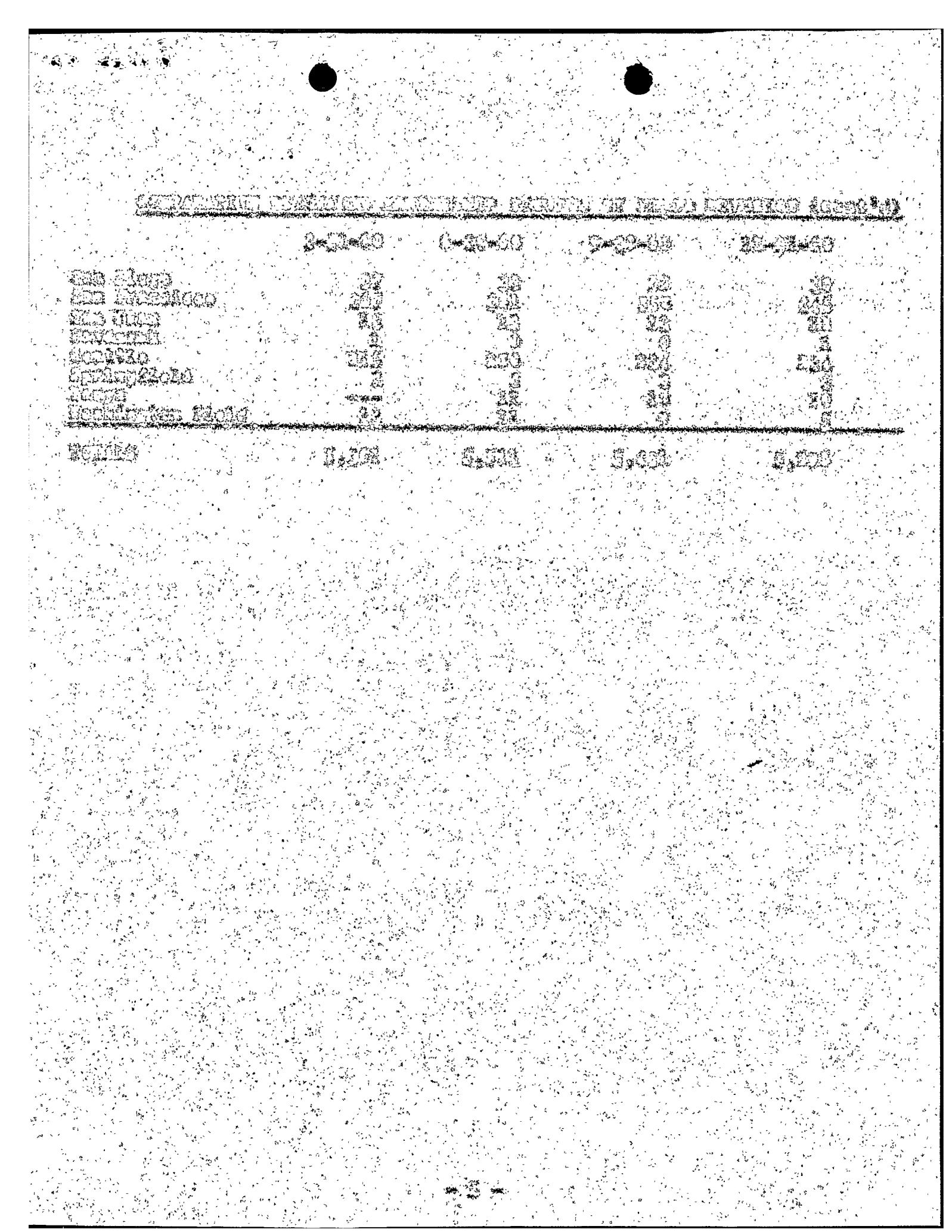
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- 2 - CLEVELAND (100-17257) (INFO) (RM)
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On 2/7/61, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date, a meeting of leading CP, USA, functionaries was held in CP Headquarters, NYC. The meeting was chaired by BEN DAVIS, JR. and the following were in attendance: PHIL BART, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CARL WINTER, GUS HALL.

In view of the fact that this meeting concerned itself with possible organizational changes in CP, USA, structure and that these changes are to be further discussed at the coming NEC, CP, USA, meeting, no disseminating memo is being submitted at this time.

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PHIL BART opened the meeting and stated that all committees should have their area of operations clearly defined. He said the meeting today is important because it will lay the groundwork in preparation for the NEC, CPUSA, meeting which is scheduled to be held the last week in February or the first of March. He said that it would be good if certain fields of endeavor are clearly defined so that the people responsible for this work can be prepared for the coming NEC meeting. He remarked that there is too much over-lapping of work and this should be corrected immediately. BART cited for example that the disposal of finances should not be in the hands of any one individual. Informant advised that at this point BART utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available.

BART said that a systematic checkup of the work should be instituted and an examination of the whole question of leadership should be made. He said a question that arises is whether there is a need for a Secretariat and an NEC; whether both are needed. The Secretariat has been functioning now for over one year and at times at the Secretariat meetings only one or two members of the Secretariat are present. Yet, all the decisions arrived at are issued in the name of the Secretariat. These meetings of the Secretariat are usually attended by local NEC members and/or National Committee (NC) members. The question that arises is whether this is an effective form of leadership for the Party or should the Party consider operating without the formality of a Resident NEC and/or a Secretariat.

The NEC meets with approximately 18 to 25 people present and it does not function as the national political body operating in the interim between NC meetings. These NEC meetings have limited discussion due to the time element and therefore is not an interim body.

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The Secretariat does not function as a small committee handling day-to-day work of the Party, and does not take responsibility for translating political tasks. As a matter of fact, it performs the work of a committee such as the NEC, as well as the tasks of an Org Committee. The result is that the Secretariat is so over-burdened that it is deprived of taking up major political questions in a careful and deliberate manner.

BART said that the question arises as to whether it would be better to formalize the Resident NEC and have it function as the leading political body of the Party between National Committee meetings, having full responsibility. BART added that he used the term Resident NEC, but that this would also include such officers as CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT), CARL (WINTER), as well as other comrades coming in from other areas at intervals.

The "Org Bureau" is composed of the following people: (JACK) STACHEL, HY (LUMER), IRVING (POTASH), LOUIS (WEINSTOCK), BETTY (GANNETT), [redacted] and myself as Chairman. This body should meet weekly. Besides the "Org Bureau", there is a broader "Org Commission", which includes comrades from New York County, as well as New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New England. This body held two meetings, and the idea of those meetings was to involve the East Coast Districts in a particular campaign in which the Party was involved. The "Org Commission" is supposed to be the coordinating body tying together the work of the Party, as well as taking up the concrete applications of the political work and structure, as well as the line of the Party.

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One of the big problems we have is to bring to the Party the "know how." This is one of the biggest problems confronting us. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said that he was sick and tired of going over and over problems with nothing being resolved.

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LIGHTFOOT said that right or wrong, action is needed and the Party cannot go on without this quality (of action) in the leadership. It is obvious and clear to everyone that this Secretariat does not function and cannot properly function under the conditions that we have.

LIGHTFOOT said that the number one recommendation that he wanted to make was that forthwith "we" make a change in the structure of leadership and that he personally would be in favor of abolishing the Secretariat, adding that he thought "we" needed to have a resident board empowered to act. Continuing, LIGHTFOOT remarked that it has been previously discussed that GUS HALL will move away more and more from the Party day-to-day operation and that BEN (DAVIS) and PHIL (BART) will assume the responsibility for the day-to-day operation of this Party. PHIL (BART) has expressed willingness to work with BEN (DAVIS) but "we get no final answer from BEN." LIGHTFOOT also commented that they need to examine their commission setup and determine what kind of commissions they really need.

LIGHTFOOT said that he would like to propose CARL (WINTER) as Chairman of the Midwest (District ?) with himself as Secretary. In concluding, LIGHTFOOT said that he would like the comrades to give some thought to his being removed from the Negro Commission and that he personally would like to see PAT (PATTERSON) relieved from the New York State picture and have PAT (PATTERSON) serve as Secretary of the National Negro Commission.

CARL WINTER commented that he did not think the Party could solve its problems by asking "the problem children" to raise themselves up by their boot straps. He said that they need to receive help from comrades "outside the center", people from nearby and remote districts. The only reason for a center is that

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the whole organization needs it and "we" are acting and thinking as though we have ten times the number of people that we actually have.

WINTER said that he realizes that the Party has a heritage, but the organization cannot be expected to endlessly carry "pensioners". He said that there is a need for continuity and respect for the past. They are thinking too much in terms of structure, apparatus and personnel which is not needed. "We" have a structure of commissions, departments, bureaus and functionaries that are all out of proportion to reality, adding that if they are needed, they are not needed "here", but rather they are needed out in the country.

WINTER said that in his opinion, three people could run the National Office with a couple of good technicians assisting and those three people do not need to spend more than half their time in New York. He said that people have to be placed in mass institutions and mass organizations. The respect, dignity and honor of people have to be taken care of, but there cannot be an endless growing pool of "big fish" that the organization is to sustain. There are places where all these people can be used and financed and where they can help provide the means for financing themselves. WINTER defined these places as publishing institutions, papers, fraternal bodies, defense and peace organizations. He said this was a delicate thing and must be done in a comradely way with due regard to each person's dignity, but there could not be this accumulation that chokes the organization.

Continuing, WINTER stated that "we" have a Secretariat that is not a Secretariat and an NEC that is not an NEC. He said that in his opinion the Party should get out of this building (CP Headquarters) for a number of reasons. First of all

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because the Party should not be in the same building with the paper ("The Worker") if the Party has any ideas concerning the future of the paper. The paper cannot become the center of attraction for much broader circles, non-Party people, who want to support the paper in an indirect fashion and who would support the press, but not the Party directly. The National Office should separate from the district office. The National Office should move into an office building, get two or three rooms, one room for the technical staff, one room for the general secretary, and one room for the organizational secretary of the Party. The National Office should not be a hangout for "un-occupied functionaries". Functionaries should be outside doing something. People have to justify their existence by what they are doing with other people and not with each other.

WINTER commented for example that the Trade Union Secretary should be at places where some trade union people can get together with him. WINTER then asked why the Educational Director should not be in the office of the "monthly theoretical magazine of the Party." That should be his headquarters. If the Educational Director is not in the office of "Political Affairs", then he should be in the office of the school and let him, as far as the public is concerned, be the director of that school and let him be financed by the school. A habit has developed around this Party for years that Educational Directors have become statement drafters, speech drafters and everything else except Educational Directors. If we need speech drafters, then we should get one. EARL BROWDER had one and no one even knew his name. In fact, he had three.

Informant advised that BEN DAVIS then interrupted to ask WINTER if he might spend a few minutes telling them how he functions in the Michigan District. WINTER, in reply, said "Horrible, its a nightmare. Its no model for anyone, but that is another story."

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WINTER added that he did not want to create the impression that he had all the answers, but also he did not think that everyone should be able to walk into the Secretariat or NEC meetings and debase the value of that body because it loses authority. He said the problem is that there is no continuity of responsibility and that he should not come in and "shoot my wad" today and tomorrow I'm gone. He said that it was not proper that he should belong to these bodies (apparently referring to the NEC) because this just perpetuates the business of coming in "shooting your wad" and let someone else pick up the pieces later.

Continuing, WINTER stated that the Secretariat is a body within the Resident NEC. The Resident NEC is a body within the formal NEC and this was not needed. He said that he was against having two, and he was against a Resident NEC. The NEC should meet within closed doors and come out with one result. The NEC must be a responsible body and people have to be available to participate in the making of the decisions and the carrying out of them. This position cannot be an honorary one and "I" don't want to be an honorary member of the NEC. WINTER explained that the reason he did not want to be an honorary member of the NEC was not because other comrades were making decisions in his absence, but rather because it was a wrong method of organization.

Continuing, WINTER remarked that if they wanted to get a reflection of what is happening in the Midwest, then he would come in and contribute to that discussion from his experiences in the area, but on the other hand, if it is felt that he be on the NEC, then he should live here (New York) in order to work properly.

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WINTER said that we come into meetings with reports having no conclusions, and general presentation is made at these meetings. We leave without conclusions and everyone takes the general discussion and interprets it for himself. Conclusions are more important than general statements and they should be prepared by responsible bodies. People should make their criticisms and amendments to conclusions which are proposed and adopted. Proposals, motions and conclusions can be sent out by mail. "I" can read them in Detroit; CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) can read them in Michigan and people on the West Coast can also read them. They can discuss them with their co-workers and in return send amendments by mail. After that we can decide what conclusions can be drawn from a meeting.

WINTER cited as an example the 20th Congress (CPSU), wherein (Premier) KHRUSHCHEV made his report to the Central Committee and KHRUSHCHEV said, "I'm presenting a report based upon the theses of the Central Committee, which you have had for the past several months and which have been discussed by so many thousand Party organizations....."

Informant advised that GUS HALL interrupted WINTER to ask what Party examples he was referring to in his statement that there is no report, but only conclusions.

WINTER, in reply to HALL, said that he did not say that there were no reports, but rather the reports should be based upon a set of conclusions worked out by the leadership of the Party. He again reiterated his statement that the Party does not have findings or final conclusions in motion form wherein people are accountable. He cited as a specific example, the Trade Union Commission, wherein they get these "omnibus reports" from the Trade Union Commission over and over again, but "we" do not come in with specific motions as to what we do in specific situations, or who is going to do it.

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CARL WINTER: Meetings become places where people just air their minds. This does not result in a crystallized set of conclusions. The Org. Bureau, Org. Committee or whatever you want to call it, should prepare agendas for meetings. This would also eliminate the necessity for a Secretariat. Of course we need an administrative apparatus but I do not think the General Secretary of the Party shculd be tied up with a lot of these questions. A few of the political leaders of the Party can be included in the administrative apparatus and it can include some technically competent people. I think that should be true for all fields of work. Otherwise each commission has its own financial budget. If a commission wants to get out material, there is not a single administrative apparatus that takes care of these things. That contributes to pinning down a lot of leading personnel in the center where I do not think they are most productive.

I think we also need a cadre apparatus in order to find some new people and also some old people that we may have forgotten. I think we need to decentralize the Party organization much more. When I suggested moving into an office building, with a limited number of rooms and a limited number of officers occupying those rooms, I meant to distribute our forces as much as possible outside the national center.

I think we need to strengthen the Midwest regional organization, create a Western regional organization. I think we need to make available the leading personnel of the National organization to these regions much more. We need to use them to help bring up more cadre in the various regions. That is where the major effort of the Party has to be applied. As to whether or not I should be Midwest Regional Secretary, that is unimportant. Somebody should be Regional Secretary -- not for administrative reasons but to guarantee the activization of the National Committee members in the Midwest region where we have 15 members of the National Committee. When do they

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function as National Committee members? Twice a year at National Committee meetings? Most of them are people who could contribute and be responsible for some results in their areas. We are planning the next regional meeting in the Midwest on the unemployment question. Everybody is coming in with a District report on the situation and the work. We are going to hold these members of the National Committee accountable. Ask them what they are doing and where they are exerting influence.

As to the Michigan District... we have problems there that have piled up, and I think we have to get help there besides myself. If TOMMY (DENNIS) had become full-time D. O. as we had planned, it would have made a material difference - but TOMMY (DENNIS) is not now ready to become full-time. He has very little free time available. He is fighting hard for free time and doing a remarkable amount of work under difficult circumstances. We have no technical worker. Well now we have moved into a new office. I think that might make a difference. It is in an office building where people will come. It will make it easier to get more people together. But I think we need some other forces at work in that District. Just by becoming D. O. again, I do not think that will solve any problems. If I go back as D. O., we will not only set back TOMMY, we will also set back HELEN (WINTER) because HELEN is not going to function in that District in the capacity that she can and should function if her husband is the D. O. We have held our own membership-wise. We are high on the list in dues payments, I think, relatively speaking. We will have a good registration. I am for Regions. I think we should have them but they should be political centers mobilizing the National Committee members in the regions to get work out of them all year round and not just at National Committee meetings.

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GUS HALL: There is no doubt that there are problems that must be ironed out. Our problems are not so much organizational as political. I think our Secretariat meetings and NEC meetings are too long. Part of our trouble is that we are not politically disciplined. This makes our discussions wander and we do not stick to the point and get the meetings over with. The Org. Department has to run the organization. They must get together and work out these problems and see that they are executed. We must establish this department and give it the authority to do its work. The Org. Department cannot be bothering the Secretariat and the NEC about decisions that have not been carried out. Their duty is to execute these decisions. Without a strong Org. Department we cannot function properly and play our role. I had a long discussion with BEN DAVIS about these added responsibilities. There is a place in this Party for a National Secretary. There are fields of work in which I could use help and the National Secretary should be in touch with such questions that arose in connection with the California elections where we did not have a Party slate. He could then be of assistance to me. BEN DAVIS can play that role, but he must make certain corrections in connection with his approach to the work. He must embrace the leadership and not put his hand against them. Otherwise he cannot play the role of a National Secretary. I do not have a solution, but I do not agree with CARL on his approach to this either. You (CARL) talked about drawing in district leaders to this committee, but who would you have drawn in? (PAT) TOOHEY?, TOM ? or KIRCH (ANTON KRCHMAREK) ? I do not think so. Should not we consider some shifts in personnel? Do we need an Administrative Secretary? I believe that if the Org. Secretary and the National Secretary fulfill their functions that should suffice. Our office workers are incompetent. A slight snuffle and they stay home. I think what we need are a couple of younger people.

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BEN DAVIS: CARL'S remarks lean toward the question of decentralization and I am opposed to that but I am intrigued by the number of proposals made by him. Further decentralization will tend to legalize the failure of the Party organization to function unitedly. What we need is centralization of a special type which will tend to tighten the Party organization and bring the leadership closer to the membership. I feel that this centralization would include a great deal of what CARL says.

Now regarding myself, I do not feel that a National Secretary is necessary in our Party. I just do not see it. I do not see how you can separate organizational work from political work and this is what GUS (HALL) is calling for. I am of the opinion that I should participate in the leadership of the Party and whatever leadership bodies I am now on, but my main work should be in Harlem.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT: The thoughts presented at this meeting on the style of leadership should be brought together in some sort of political presentation. There appears to be agreement on some sort of structural change. ELIZABETH (GURLEY FLYNN) should be brought up to date on what has transpired and DAVIS, BART and HALL should go over the problems raised as to changes in personnel.

BEN DAVIS: This should be brought to the NEC before any action is taken.

All those present at the meeting agreed that the matter should be taken up with the NEC and the meeting was adjourned without any action being taken on the proposals made.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63) DATE: 2-9-61
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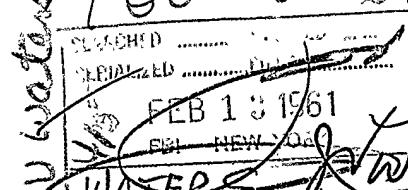
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On January 30, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN with two Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) financial reports covering the periods of January 1 to September 30, 1960, and January 1 to November 30, 1960. These financial reports were photographed by the Chicago Office and returned to the source on January 31, 1961. One set each of these photographs is being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the New York Office. One copy of the photographs and the negative is being maintained in Chicago file 100-33742-1A30.

2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
1 - Boston (100-775) (HOMER BATES CHASE) (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-22802) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
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1 - Milwaukee (100- [REDACTED] (CP, WISCONSIN DISTRICT - FUNDS) (RM)
1 - Minneapolis (100-1878) (CP, MINNESOTA-DAKOTA DISTRICT - FUNDS) (RM)
23 - New York (Encl. 1) (RM)
1 - 100-26776 (CHARLES DIRBA)
1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
1 - 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
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- 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 1 - 100-80636 (CP, USA - LEGISLATIVE MATTERS)
- 1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
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- 1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
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- 1 - 100- (CP, NEW YORK DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-6562 (CP OF PUERTO RICO)
- 1 - Philadelphia (RM) (100- (CP, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT - FUNDS)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (RM) (100- (CP, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT - FUNDS)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM) (100-25085) (CP, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - FUNDS)
- 1 - San Juan (RM) (100- (CP OF PUERTO RICO)
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 - 1 - 100-31097 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-12789 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-17769 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FUNDS)

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Set forth below is the verbatim contents of these financial reports:

"CP USA
FIN. REPORT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS, 1/1/60 to 11/30/60

INCOME

34,142 Dues (Gr. \$38,391; Ave. 1.12; Numb. per mo. 3490) --
Net from Dues - \$19,214.38
156 Initiations -\$78.00
899 Convention Assess. (Total numb. 3377, incl. 2478 in 1959) - \$1,321.87
So. Sol. Assessments (37 rec'd in Oct. & Nov.) - \$220.60
General Contributions \$103, 524.27
Other Contrib. (\$383 Winston Def., 2500 McC Act Def, etc.) \$3,196.14
Returns on Literature - \$1,556.45
Districts' Share of Nat'l Com. Mtg. Exp. - \$1,145.00

TOTAL INCOME - 11 Mos. - \$130,256.71

EXPENSES

Gen'l Wages: - Total Wages \$50,185, less 16,995 for Off. & Bldg Wages - Gen. \$33,190.00	
Less shown below - Office W.13,000 & Bldg. 3,995; - 16,995	
Payroll Taxes & Insurance - \$3,470.56	
Bldg. Rent 3024, Wages 3995, Misc. 752 - Tot. 7771) Net Bldg. Exp.	
(NY St. pays direct) W. Share 2200) \$5,570.96	
Office Exp. - Wages \$13000, Post 1210 Staty & Sup 1072) Tot. Office	
Teleph. & Telegr. 1820 Equip. Maint. 125) Exp.	
Staff Lit. 1450 Acctg. 304) \$18,981.68	
Org. Exp.-Travel \$3182; Auto 1684) Tot. Org.	
Fares - Ph. L. 2394; Mtgs & Receptns 222) Exp.	
Staff Mvg. Exp. 640; Midwest Exp. 321) \$8,443.46 (incl. Dak.)	
Org. Subsid. & Contrib; - Penna. 2000; Bail 100; Md. 25 -- Tot. Org. Contr. \$2,125.00	
N. Com. Mtg. Exp. - \$4,256 less Refnd on Conv.	
Exp. 113 -- N.C. Mtgs. \$4,143.26	
NEC. Mtg. Exp. - Travel \$4020, Miscl. 109 --	
NEC. Mtgss. \$4,129.03	
Fraternal Deleg. Exp. -- -- \$1,125.00	

Educ. & Agit. Exp.-Contrib. to W. & Press Promotn. \$2588)
 Lit.&Leaf. \$3782; Research 1142; Travel 343) Total
 N.Ed. Work 1017; Misc.Educ. 296; Legisl. 388) Educ.&
 T.U. Work 535; N.Negro Com. 9403; South 383) Agit.
 Youth Work 3009; Women's W. 20; Farm Work 914) \$24,218.05
 Peace " 100; P.R. 300;)

Legal Fees & Exp. \$15,835; Winston Def. 799; Amnesty 120) Total
 Ohio 200; R. T. Trav. 300; Fines 320) Def. Exp.
 McC.Prtg. 572;) \$18,146.25

Smith Act Victims Aid -- -- -- 3,475.00

G.Welfare Exp.-Med.&Hosp.-E.D. 761; J.Sh.270; Misc.274) Total
 Gifts 224; Flours 67; Funerals 301) Gen.Welf.
 1,896.58

Depreciation of Ftr.& Equip. -- -- -- 94.00

TOTAL EXPENSES - 11 Mos.	\$129,009.43
OPERATING SURPLUS - 11 Mos.	1,247.28

BALANCE SHEET - 11/30/60

ASSETS

Cash Balance	\$1,926.11
Revolvg. Fund (C. Winter)	100.00
Security Deposits	485.00
Seized by Int.Rev. (Mch '56)	5,192.09
Ftr. & Equip. (Depreciated)	895.61
Due From the Worker	3,940.30
Amnesty Com.	192.75
Suspense to be Cleared up	3.64
Loans & Accts. Rec. - Ill. Distr.	406.22
Other Distr.	594.69
Individuals	620.82
TOTAL ASSETS - 11/30/60	14,357.23

LIABILITIES

Old Loans Payable 1956-57-59	\$5,250.00
New Century Exch.	4.00
Families Com. Exch.	10.00

Payroll Arrears	\$ 346.55
Current Payroll Taxes & Ins.	2,108.80
N.Y. St. Unemployment Ins. Reserve	1,200.44
So. Calif. Acct.	993.17
Rent Reserve	970.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES-11/30/60	10,883.54

SURPLUS: Bal. 1/1/60	\$2,226.41
Add Oper. Surpl. - 11 Mos.	1,247.28
Present Worth-Surplus -11/30/60	3,473.69
TOT. LIABIL. & SURPLUS-	14,357.23

COMMENTS: Extra efforts should be applied to 'clearing up' certain items during December so as to avoid carrying over to the new year 'unreal' balances.

Statements have been prepared and should be given to respective debtors, at the same time asking for their comments and promises as to settlement.

Ill. Distr. \$406.22 includes: Ill. Distr. itself \$11.07

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C.Lightfoot Loan \$195.15.

Other Distr. \$594.69:-Wisc. \$2.00, No.Calif. 295.86, Wash.
State 59.70, S.Dak. 180, E.Penna. 160.33,
N.Y.St. 75.00.

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Indiv. \$620.82: [redacted] H.Lumer 125.00 W.W. 25.00,
Homer Chase 20.00, [redacted] Ben Davis
35.00."

"CP, USA
FIN. REPORT FOR NINE MONTHS, 1/1/60 to 9/30/60

INCOME

29,063 Dues (Gr. \$32,705, Avg. \$1.13-, Avg. numb. per
no. 3688) - Net from Dues - \$16,371.23

129 Initiations - \$64.50

899 Convention Assessments (Add 2478 rec'd in 1959 --
Tot. numb. 3377) - \$1,321.87
So. Solidarity Assessments - \$191.55

Gen'l Contributions - \$87,629.27

Other Contributions (Winston's Def. \$383, McCarn.Def. \$2500
& Misc.) - \$3,190.64

On Nat'l Comm. Mtg. Exp. (Rec'd from Districts, their shares)
\$1,145.00

Returns on Literature - \$938.60

TOTAL INCOME - 9 Months - \$110,852.66

EXPENSES

Wages - Tot. \$42,135, Office 11,310, Bldg. 3,315 -- Gen'l
Wages - \$27,510.00

Payroll Taxes & Insurance - \$2,876.12

Bldg.Exp.-Rent \$2444, Wages \$3315, Miscl. 625.82)Bldg. Exp.
Less 1800 W.Rent (NY.St.pays direct)\$4,584.82

Office Exp.-Wages \$11,310, Teleph&Telegr. 1,452)Tot. Office
Postage 964, Staty&Sup. 969, Equip.Maint.)Exp.
115, Staff Lit.1342, Accounting 242)\$16,393.49

Org. Exp. - Travel \$2731, Auto 1413, Midwest 280)Tot. Org.
Fares-Ph-L 2267, Mtgs.&Recep. 207,) Exp.
Staff Movg. Exp. 561)\$7,460.09

Org. Contrib.-W.Pa.Subsidy \$1750, Refund on Pgh.Bail Loan
\$100 -- \$1,850.00

Nat.Comm.Mtg.Exp. \$4,256, less refunds on Conv.Exp. 113 --
N.C. Mtgs. 4,143.26

NEC. Mtg. Exp.	NEC. Mtgs. \$3,710.03
Fraternal Deleg. Exp.	1,125.00
Educ & Agit. Exp.-Contrib.toW.&Press Promotion \$2488)	
Lit. & Leaf. 3190, Resrch. 901, Travel 298,) Total Educ.	
Nat. Educ. W. 467, Legisl. W. 388, T.U.W. 435) & Agit.	
Negro Comm. W. 8304, Youth W. 2959, Farm W. 914) \$20,650.12	
Women's W. 20, Miscl. Exp. 287)	
Legal Fees & Exp. \$13,268, Winston Def. 799, Amnesty) Tot.. Def.	
120, Ohio 200, Fines 185, R.T.Trav. 300, Miscl. 527) Exp.	
	\$15,444.25

Smith Act Victims Aid - \$2,855.00

Gen. Welfare Exp. - Medical & Hosp. \$694, Gifts 204) Gen. Welf.	
Flowers & Funerals 363) Exp.	
	\$1,261.18

Depreciation of Ftr. & Equip. - \$76.60

TOTAL EXPENSES - 9 Months - \$109,939.96

OPERATING SURPLUS - 9 Months - \$912.70

BALANCE SHEET - 9/30/60

ASSETS

Cash Balance	\$646.97
Revolving Fund (C. Winter)	100.00
Security Dep. (Phone & Gas)	485.00
Seized by Int. Revenue	5,192.09
Ftr. & Equip. (Depreciated)	913.61
Due from W. - Loans	240.30
" " " - On Rent	3,300.00
Old Loans Rec. (See Comments)	819.57
1960 L/R (See Comments)	519.15
Due from Distr: Wisc.-Oct '59	2.00
No. Calif. - Nov '59	295.86
Wash. St. - Dec '59 Suspns	159.70
So. Dak. - Sep '60	1.80
TOTAL ASSETS - 9/30/60	12,576.05

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes & Insurance	\$1,298.95
N.Y. St. Unempl. Ins. Reserve	1,195.48
NY. St. O. - Dupl. Payment	113.50
9/30/60 Payroll Arrears	175.70
Ill. Distr. Acct.	273.30
So. Calif. Acct.	370.77
Accrued Rent Reserves	755.24
Bal. of 1956 Loans Payable	3,800.00
1957&59 L/P - \$1000 & 450	1,450.00
Rec 'd. from Mont. " for New Centry	4.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES - 9/30/60	<u>9,436.94</u>

SURPLUS: Bal. 1/1/60 \$2,226.41

Add - Oper. Surpl. 9 Mos. 912.70

Prsent Worth - Surplus - 9/30/60 - \$3,139.11

TOT. ASSETS & SURPLUS - 9/30/60 - \$12,576.05

COMMENTS: - Schedule of Old Loans Payable is the same as given on 8/31/60: [redacted]

192.75, H. Lumer \$125. -- Try to clear them up before the end of the year. H. Lumer should start repaying, at least \$5 per week from salary.

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1960 [redacted] require constant pressure for payments: M.W. 25.00, N.Y. St. 75.00, H. Chase 20.00, [redacted] C.L. - Ill. 195.15, Arnold Johnson 30.00, Ben Davis 50.00.

Monthly statements (or Reminders) should be given every month on all Loans Rec. and District indebtedness. (Do you want me to prepare them? -- C.D.) When Loans are given, we should get definite promises as to when they will be repaid, and this should be recorded on the respective vouchers."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [redacted] DATE: February 1, 1961

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
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22 - Baltimore

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100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS

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100-22030 BALTIMORE COMMITTEE TO PROTECT AMERICAN FREEDOM (2,3)
100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY (4)
100-12462 YOUTH MATTERS (4)
100-12244 EDUCATION (5)
100-11640 FUNDS (5,6)
100-12170 MEMBERSHIP (6,7)
100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS (7)

[redacted]
" Baltimore, Maryland
January 11, 1961

" The following report concerns a Maryland - D. C. CP
District Board meeting held at the home of [redacted]
District Board member, [redacted]
Maryland. Present in addition to [redacted] were the following
District Board members: [redacted]
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MEYERS told [redacted] upon the latter's arrival that they had
been discussing what action they could take against the
House Un-American Activities Committee.

[redacted] then commented that he had seen from the newspapers
that some 500 people had recently demonstrated in
Washington, D. C. against the House Un-American Activities
Committee (HUAC). He asked whether JAMES ROOSEVELT had made
a statement in Congress against the HUAC. [redacted] said that
ROOSEVELT had not as yet presented his statement asking for
the abolishment of the HUAC. She said he had been present at
the demonstration in Washington, D. C. on January 2, 1961,
and said that the feeling among the demonstrators was that
efforts should be made to reduce appropriation for the
HUAC.

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MEYERS said that in Baltimore they should contact the Civil
Liberties Union and local Congressmen in an effort to get
action against the HUAC. He then asked who they might involve.

[redacted] said that she had discussed the matter with [redacted]
[redacted] CP Community Section members, who had told her
that they would do what they could to get local action
under way against the HUAC.

MEYERS then asked whether [redacted] CP Community Section
member, and others could help. A discussion followed which
indicated that it was not certain who could help in the work.

[redacted] asked what the position of the people in Washington, D. C.

would be on the question. MEYERS replied that a number of people there might participate on a non-Party basis.

During further discussion [redacted] pointed out an article in the Afro-American newspaper which named a Congressman who was opposed to the HCUA and who might vote against appropriations for the HCUA. They then decided that MEYERS and [redacted] would try to contact that Congressman sometime the following Thursday night.

MEYERS commented that he had talked to this Congressman in the past and knew he was opposed to the HCUA because he thought the money appropriated might be better used.

It was decided that [redacted] would try to contact prominent people in Baltimore to help in the fight against the HCUA and also try to get people who had been hurt by the HCUA in the past to help the activity. [redacted] was also supposed to form a larger committee to fight the HCUA which would consist mostly of non-Party people.

The others asked [redacted] to see [redacted] CP Community Section member, about helping in the fight against the HCUA. [redacted] said that he would make the contact.

MEYERS said that he had a number of other things on his mind that he felt the District Board should deal with. He said he felt the Party locally should be better organized and that some action should be taken with regard to the question of peace.

MEYERS said he thought the Party in Baltimore should begin discussing what had gone on at the recent meeting in Moscow where 81 CPs met together to discuss policy. He said the outcome of this meeting fitted into the Party's plan for peace, peaceful co-existence, and a stable economy for all countries.

MEYERS said that [redacted] CP club could handle the fight against the HCUA and that [redacted] CP Community Section Club could be responsible for the fight for peace.

MEYERS also stated that they should have some discussion to

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encourage legislation which would lead towards peace.

MEYERS said that the Party should be more active locally on the question of Trade Union matters. He said he had to criticize himself on this because as Chairman of the local Trade Union Commission, nothing much had been accomplished.

MEYERS then complained that it was difficult to contact [redacted] CP Ship Club Chairman and a member of the local Trade Union Commission.

[redacted] and MEYERS then discussed MEYERS' efforts to contact [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] had been available for contact most of the time that he had been sought by MEYERS.

MEYERS then said that he wanted to set up a Trade Union Commission meeting for January 17, 1961. [redacted] pointed out that the CP Ship Club was to hold a meeting that same night. After discussion it was decided to hold the Trade Union Commission meeting on January 17, 1961, with the Ship Club meeting to be held in conjunction with the Trade Union Commission meeting on the following night.

MEYERS then said that he planned to go to New York City on January 19, 1961, to attend a National CP Trade Union Commission meeting.

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MEYERS then said that the Party had been having a difficult time trying to move on the question of youth and there had been no successes locally. He said on the national scene more difficulties arose because of the failure of the CP Youth Conference held in Chicago in January because of FBI publicity.

MEYERS said that since the death of TONY ADONA, former CP member, the Party had no one in the local Civic Interest Group, and that a comrade would have to take ADONA's place.

MEYERS then said that he and [redacted] would be attending the CP National Committee meetings to be held in New York City

on the weekend of January 21-22, 1961, and that after the National Committee meetings, the Party locally should hold discussions with regard to what took place at the national meetings.

MEYERS also said that when he and [redacted] went to New York, they would try to see HYMAN LUMER, CP National Secretary, and again try to set up educational classes in Baltimore.

[redacted] then told the others that he hoped to have every CP club locally pay their dues six months in advance and said that the Ship Club had already taken that action.

[redacted] then gave [redacted] \$58.75 which he said had been secured from the CP Ship Club members for CP dues and CP sustaining money and CP literature money.

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[redacted] then told MEYERS that he still had the \$4 given him by MEYERS and asked whether it should be turned in. (This was the money secured by MEYERS from [redacted] the new CP member). MEYERS told him to turn the money over to [redacted] and that \$1 was for the initiation fee, \$1 for dues, and \$2 for contribution.

MEYERS said that he had talked to the CP Steel Club about paying up her dues six months in advance but that a couple of members had been absent. [redacted] the Chairman, had paid three months in advance.

[redacted] said that he had offered [redacted] the \$12.50 [redacted] had spent while attending the NALC national meeting in Detroit, Michigan several weeks earlier but that [redacted] had refused to accept the sum and had returned it to the CP as a contribution.

[redacted] announced that there would be a CP National Negro Commission meeting in Philadelphia January 14-15, 1961.

[redacted] asked MEYERS whether the letter from CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT concerning that National Negro Commission meeting had made it official. MEYERS said yes and that in New York City, CP headquarters had arranged to house four CP

[redacted]
members from Baltimore who were to attend the Philadelphia meeting.

MEYERS then said that he planned to go to Philadelphia January 15, 1961, and would take [redacted] with him.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] whether she had the CP dues ready to take to New York. [redacted] said yes and upon inquiry from [redacted] said that the amount ran from August through October. She added that they did not have enough money to cover the November and December dues.

[redacted] then gave MEYERS a paper and an envelope with \$43.50 in it. The paper was headed "Dues - Maryland."

	\$.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
August, 1960	2	16	11

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6 @	\$.50	\$ 3.00
30 @	1.00	30.00
27 @	2.00	54.00
		<u>\$87.00</u>
50 % for N. O.		\$43.50

[redacted] handed MEYERS another envelope which she said had \$75 National Committee payments money for [redacted]

MEYERS then handed the paper headed "Dues - Md." and the \$43.50 to [redacted] and told him to handle it.

[redacted] then asked MEYERS whether he should be in New York City Thursday night or Friday morning to attend the National Committee meeting. MEYERS said that he would see [redacted] later and arrange matters.

MEYERS then said that the registration of the local Party had to be ready for the National Committee meeting. He said he would have his club registered before he left for New York.

[redacted] said that his club hadn't registered because [redacted] had not

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prepared the registration forms. [redacted] said that she had forgotten that her club hadn't registered yet but that she had helped [redacted] register the members in his club. She said her club would be registered before they left for New York.

MEYERS then instructed the others to give the registration information to [redacted] to take with him to New York since he was responsible for organization.

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MEYERS then instructed [redacted] to contact Trade Union Commission members and tell them of the Trade Union Commission meeting for January 17, 1961.

MEYERS then passed out the January, 1961, issue of "New World Review."

The meeting ended about 10:40 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

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~~CLASSIFICATION BY 6922 on 8-7-78~~

~~EXWWT WITH THIS CLASSIFICATION~~

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~~DATE: FEB 13 1961~~

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: CP, USA
ILLINOIS DISTRICT,
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On 1/3/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA [redacted] with information concerning a meeting of the State Board, CP of Illinois, held on 12/21/60, at the residence of EARL DURHAM, 400 West 33rd Place, Chicago, Illinois. This information was subsequently written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for his approval and signature. The original will be located in [redacted]

A copy of the Youth Conference Housing blank, mentioned in the statement of [redacted] is being maintained in 100-18953-1B3 (476).

1 - Indianapolis (RM)
(100-9529) (MANNY BLUM)
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(1-100-48033) (IRVING POTASH)
(1-100-84935) (COMINFIL, Railroad Industry)

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26 - Chicago
(1-100-644) (LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG)
(1-100-22435) [redacted]
(1-100-26652) [redacted]
(1-100-24729) (MANNY BLUM)
(1-100-12890) (EARL DURHAM)
(1-100-3301) [redacted]
(1-100-22483) (LOLA BELLE HOLMES)

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Chicago, Illinois
January 3, 1961

On the evening of December 21, 1960, a meeting of the State Board, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, was held at the residence of EARL DURHAM, 400 West 33rd Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Those present were:

[redacted]
FLO HALL
SAM KUSHNER
NATE SHARPE
LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG
EARL DURHAM

[redacted]
LOLA BELLE HOLMES
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[redacted] chaired the meeting.

[redacted] proposed that since they have had no copies of reports for industrial work, that [redacted] give only a brief report regarding these reports. These reports were based on their original documents for industrial work and were previously discussed at a recent industrial council meeting.

[redacted] supplemented the reports given by [redacted] and said that as [redacted] has correctly stated in his report, the 17th Convention and our State Convention clearly outline the direction and responsibility we have in promoting our industrial work, but as we re-examine our Party's influence among the industrial workers, we will find that numbers are receptive and respect the ideas put forth by Party members.

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[redacted] said that, however, this is only true in the industrial unions where the Party has had a history of struggles and activities in support of the workers' demands in such unions. He recommended that the Party concentrate in the stable unions during this period of transition where facts point out that there is becoming a greater number of white-collar workers in comparison to the blue-collar workers. [redacted] recommended the establishment of an Industrial Commission and that also the position of a labor secretary be established in every Industrial Club.

Remarks by SAM KUSHNER

SAM stated that he suggested at the National Trade Union Commission meeting in New York that we spend a year concentrating on industrial work, particularly with left groups within the 2 main labor unions as well as in the independent labor business. [redacted] said that there is a growing number of workers being added to the work force coming from the small farms, the small businessman who has failed and the high school graduate who could not go on to college, but these are all aware who the master is and who cracks the whip (monopoly capitalism). SAM proposed that we concentrate in 2 or 3 industries (auto, steel, railroad and packing).

At this time, LOLA BELLE HOLMES wanted to know what would happen to those Comrades if we are not concentrating in their particular industry.

LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG said that the Party began to lose strength in 1948 when new laws were passed which started breaking the Party's back. LUCIOUS suggested that these people whom we lost should again be recruited by us.

Remarks by [redacted]

The attitude of the Party leadership as far as problems in the industrial work were concerned, needed a little prodding. In New York, they have made some progress and brought back 40 or 50 people in industrial work, and besides they have brought back 200 or 300 people in the community clubs.

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We here in the District should have a self-critical attitude toward our work. We should take a few important problems, such as unemployment and work with these. There should be a pamphlet prepared on this issue and on the school and housing situations. We should find out the needs of the unemployed and concentrate in given locals where this unemployment exists. [redacted] felt that in our plans of concentration, we should consider teamsters, railroad, steel and certain plans in auto. He said that the plans of concentration in the railroads should be worked out with the railroad club members.

Remarks by NATE SHARPE

NATE said that the NALC could do a good job but is being run by the socialists and nobody can get anywhere with them.

Remarks by FLO HALL

FLO suggested that we pick out certain things to work on, having at first just a few limited goals and see how we come out. She also was in favor of an Industrial Commission in order to discuss our common problems and exchange experiences. She felt the discussion had been good and that we should go into the State Committee meetings with these kind of proposals.

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Remarks by [redacted]

He reported that plans were shaping up well for the youth conference and he wondered if anyone had filled out any of the housing blanks. At this time, [redacted] also distributed more blanks.

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[redacted] It was learned at the meeting that FLO informed [redacted] that she had seen POTASH while in New York and discussed with him the coming railroad conference, and that he felt the conference should be postponed until February in order to give him more time to contact the various railroad centers. She also said that there had been a National Trade Union Commission meeting as well as a NEC meeting and that the National

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committee meeting had been postponed until January 20, 1961. She said that she hoped that at the meeting on January 20, 1961, she would obtain complete details as well as a proposed date for the forthcoming railroad conference.

It was also announced that on Friday, December 23, 1960, there will be 2 Christmas parties for the (CP of Illinois) leadership. These Christmas parties will be at North and South Side locations and will be fund-raising affairs. An announcement was distributed at this meeting which stated:

"YOU'RE INVITED TO DROP IN FOR CHRISTMAS
CHEER AND FELLOWSHIP

Friday, 12/23/60

4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NORTH:



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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S! "

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [redacted]
FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: February 10, 1961

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted]	1/22/61 CP National Commission Meeting	1/30/61	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS
INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY
OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

1 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED MAIL)
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1 - Boston (REGISTERED MAIL)
HOMER CHASE

1 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED MAIL)
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1 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

15 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
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THE WORKER
ALEXANDER BITTELMAN
JAMES JACKSON
GUS HALL

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

9 - Baltimore

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100-11800 BRIEF FILE
100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
100-10584 [redacted]
100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS
100-21896 COMINFIL NALC
100-11640 FUNDS
100-12170 MEMBERSHIP

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On January 30, 1961, [redacted] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON copies of the printed statements presented for review during the afternoon session of the January 22, 1961, National Committee meeting as set forth in instant report. The statement presented by ARNOLD JOHNSON consisted of three sheets of legal sized paper. It was headed "Act Now For Peace!" The statement presented by BEN DAVIS was on 9 sheets of legal sized paper and was headed "Draft Outline For Legislative Program, January, 1961." The statement presented by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was on five sheets of legal sized paper and was headed "Resolution on Negro Work (Draft)." The statements are being retained in [redacted].

"Baltimore, Maryland
January 30, 1961

"The following report concerns the third session of the recent Communist Party (CP) National Committee meetings, held January 20-22, 1961. Instant report deals with the January 22, 1961, session. The session, which took place on the tenth floor of Adelphia Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, was called to order by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT at 9:45 A. M.

TOM NABRIED from Philadelphia was elected as chairman of the morning session.

The first thing on the agenda was the expulsion of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN and HOMER CHASE from the CP.

Those present unanimously decided on the expulsion of BITTELMAN.

NABRIED then said that he was not too certain whether CHASE was to be expelled or just removed from leadership.

[redacted] then said that the Secretariat had suggested that CHASE be removed from leadership in the New England CP and also removed from office as a National Committeeman. She said that this recommendation had been made because of his continued violation of Party policy. She said the Secretariat planned to review his work during the next six months to see whether he should be allowed to continue to be a Party member.

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Those present then voted unanimously to support the recommendations of the Secretariat.

A statement was then made from the floor that CHASE had left for Boston the previous night.

JAMES JACKSON then got up and said that CHASE had a good Party record, but had gone "haywire" in recent years, perhaps from too much pressure.

Discussion was then had on reports made by GUS HALL and JAMES JACKSON during the first session.

[redacted] CP National Committee member from Baltimore.

then contacted WILLIAM PATTERSON and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT during the lunch period, which took place from 1:00 to 1:30 P. M. [redacted] said that he and GEORGE MEYERS, the other National Committeeman from Baltimore, were upset over the criticism of Baltimore work at the Negro National Committee meeting, held in Philadelphia, January 14-15, 1961. [redacted] said that the statements made by PATTERSON and LIGHTFOOT at the Negro Commission meeting indicated that Baltimore was incorrect in dominating and holding officership in the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) in Baltimore.

[redacted] explained that if it were not for the efforts of the CP in Baltimore, there would have been no local NALC.

[redacted] then said that he intended to bring GUS HALL and BEN DAVIS into the discussion. Following this, LIGHTFOOT and PATTERSON apologized and said they had not understood the situation. [redacted] then criticized both of them for poor leadership and accused LIGHTFOOT of being a right revisionist.

As the lunch period ended, LIGHTFOOT said that he would talk with [redacted] at the next Negro Commission meeting to be held in Baltimore.

During the afternoon session, which had as its chairman LOUIS WEINSTOCK, three printed statements were presented for review by the National Committee. ARNOLD JOHNSON presented a peace program; BEN DAVIS a draft outline of a legislative program, and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT a resolution on Negro work.

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After some discussion, the three statements were referred back to the National Executive Committee for closer study and correction.

During the break in the afternoon session, GEORGE MEYERS, [redacted] and WILLIAM WEINSTONE got together, with MEYERS asking [redacted] if he had some extra money from the Baltimore CP Ship Club. [redacted] then said that he had \$24.15. MEYERS said he needed \$26.00 to pay for books from the Soviet Union to be reprinted in England. MEYERS said that these concerned principles of Marxism-Leninism.

[redacted] then gave MEYERS the \$26.00 and, in turn, MEYERS gave him a receipt for the money. The money was then given to WEINSTONE.

MEYERS then told [redacted] to contact [redacted] and give her the CP dues from Baltimore and registration of membership for the CP Steel and CP Ship Clubs in Baltimore.

[redacted] then contacted [redacted] and said that he had \$43.50 in dues and part of the Baltimore registration.

[redacted] explained that he did not have all of the CP dues money, since he had turned part of it over to MEYERS.

After talking with MEYERS and [redacted] it was decided that [redacted] would hand over the receipt for \$25.00 made out by MEYERS for the money given by [redacted] to MEYERS, along with the rest of the CP dues money. [redacted] also gave [redacted] the registration figures. b6 b7C

PHIL BART then talked briefly with GEORGE MEYERS and [redacted] and it was arranged for MEYERS to furnish a list of expenses in connection with the National Committee meetings to BART as soon as possible.

Following this, the meeting was resumed and WILLIAM WEINSTONE was elected to fill a vacancy in the National Committee.

A Women's Committee was then formed in the National Committee and those present agreed to support the "Worker" subscription and fund drives.

It was then announced that a nationwide celebration for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER would take place in connection with his 80th birthday.

GUS HALL then made the closing remarks, saying that he was dissatisfied with the National Committee meetings just concluding. He said that the reports given showed some strength and indicated that mass movements, the Negro communities, trade unions, and communities were possible. He said, however, that not one National Committee member had given an account of what his district had positively done with regard to Party activity since the 17th National Convention. He said further that not one National Committee member had stated what his district planned to do to advance the Party.

HALL then said that so far as he was concerned, the "honeymoon was over" and that Party leaders had to show activity in the future or be removed from office.

HALL told the National Committee members that when they

went back to their districts, they should study the 81st Party statement and use it as a guide in their Party activity.

Throughout this statement, HALL gave every indication of considering himself to be the head of the CP, USA.

The meeting ended at about 4:30 P. M. "

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

Dues

1959

For 12 mos.
Feb. 1959 - Jan. 1960

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For 12 mos.
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Pa.		70	44	
Md.	1	124	82	
Conn.		120	168	
New Eng.	1	1177	894	
Ohio		2139	1058	
Mich.	5	2211	1352	2
Illinois	11	3774	3614	20
Ind.	2	690	420	
Okla.		714	321	
Minn.	7	1531	1770	4
Dakota		488	408	
Oregon	10	569	436	2
Mont.		168	232	
Utah		84	122	
Wash.	10	3079	2193	16
So. Calif.	30	8423	8073	16
No. Calif.	15	4535	1514	17
Mo.		330	177	
A.R.C.		230	131	

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W. 1000 ft. (1000')	30,375	11,723	30	30
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Mo.		330	97	
A.K.C.		220	38	
Okla.		199	113	
	123	54,256	45,064	147

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
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(OO: New York)

DATE: 3/6/61

Re NY letter, 1/25/61.

On 2/14/61, NY 2002-S*, a source that has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material at the National office of the CPUSA, 23 West 26th St., NYC.

Among this material was a compilation of dues for 2 twelve month periods, February, 1959 to January, 1960, and February, 1960 to January, 1961, as received by districts of the CP. Each entry represents a unit of dues without regard to amount. Also listed for the same periods are initiations.

The totals indicate that in the period February, 1959 to January, 1960, the Party recruited 123, and the dues payments for the same period averaged 4,521 (54,256 divided by 12).

In the period February, 1960 to January, 1961, 147 were recruited and the average of dues payments was 3,707. It is to be noted that the correct dues total for this period was 44,491, not 45,064, according to the figures given.

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On 2/28/61, NY 2353-S* (who has furnished reliable information in the past) furnished the following:

[redacted] of the "New York Times" contacted WILLIAM WEINSTONE at CP Headquarters, NYC. [redacted] stated that they were doing a piece on the Negro organizations in Harlem and he wanted to check as to the current position of the CP on the Negro program and if they had any recent estimates of membership.

[redacted] continued that he wanted to get a line if he could from someone in authority as to what was the official position of the Party with respect to the Negro in the US and secondly, if they had anything to say at all about total membership and strength of the Party in the country or the city. WEINSTONE replied in the negative as to exact figures. He replied they had nothing in exact figures because the organization had been under severe pounding over a period of time so that they could not be given exact figures. He asked what was [redacted] deadline in regard to calling him back. [redacted] asked it be not after 7:00. WEINSTONE said that he would get hold of someone and give [redacted] an authoritative statement.

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[redacted] said that would be wonderful and asked that it not be elaborate because all that could be given the Party was a paragraph because of the number of other organizations involved.

- 1 - NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (#415)
- ① - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (#415)
- 1 - NY 100-80640 (#415)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-8129)

CP (100-806-88)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATIONAL AND MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

CP (100-806-88)

Re SAC letter 58-64 dated 10/27/60; and Kansas
City letter to Bureau, 2/26/60.

STATE OF KANSAS

There is no Communist Party (CP) organization
in the state of Kansas.

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The following individuals have been identified as
CP members by [redacted]

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The following individuals are carried as tentative
CP members since it is believed that if CP organization
existed, they would be members of a Mid-Kansas group:

[redacted]

1 - Bureau (100-3-38 and 100-3-59) (2) 100-806-88-1832
1 - New York (Info) (2)
1 - St. Louis (Info) (2)
4 - Kansas City (1 - 100-8129 CP Member (100-806-88-1832))
 (1 - 100-8122 CP Organization (100-806-88-1832))
 (1 - 100-5222 CP (Missouri) (100-806-88-1832))
 (1 - 100-5223 CP Kansas City (100-806-88-1832))

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[redacted] was identified as a CP member by [redacted] in 1957. His parents, [redacted]

[redacted] which is probably the permanent address of [redacted]

[redacted] has attempted to join the CP or contact CP members in Wichita. He has carried on correspondence with PHIL BARRY, CP National Organizational Secretary, who told [redacted] there was no CP group in Wichita, but that should one be formed, he would help get organized.

Summary of CP membership in the State of Kansas.

Positively Identified:

Men	1
Women	1
White	2
Negro	0
Veterans	1
Union Member	0
Employed	2
Unemployed	0

Tentative CP Members:

Men	2
Women	0

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White	2
Negro	0
Veterans	0
Union Members	0
Employed	1
Unemployed (student)	1

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STATE OF MISSOURI

There are five CP members in Greater Kansas City, who are known as the Kansas City group of the Missouri District CP. Three of them reside in the State of Kansas, but are considered by the CP to be members of the CP, District of Missouri.

[redacted] has been named as coordinator to maintain contact with and deliver funds to the Missouri State CP Committee in St. Louis, to maintain the CP Post Office Box at the Kansas City, Kansas Post Office, and to deliver CP literature.

[redacted] is chairman.

[redacted] is secretary - treasurer and [redacted] is educational director. The five members are as follows:

[redacted]

Summary of CP membership in Missouri.

Men	4
Female	1
White	3
Negro	0
Employed	4
Student	1
Veterans	2
Union Member	2

Constant coverage of the Kansas City CP group is maintained by [redacted]. In addition, [redacted] are in contact with members of the group although they themselves are not CP members. They report on some phases of CP activities carried on by the group.

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Except for weakness in the coverage at Wichita, Kansas, and it is believed that no CP organization exists there, informant coverage would seem to be adequate. Through investigation of individuals residing in Wichita, Kansas, we should be cognizant of any organizational activity.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/30/61

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-101065)
FROM: SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY (#414)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Identity of source

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info

Marxist class in Brooklyn

Date received

3/15/61

Received by

SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY (written)

Original location

[REDACTED]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

[REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
1 - NY 100-13261
1 - NY 100-98068
1 - NY 100-14124
1 - NY 100-137890
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Q 1 - NY 100-80638 (CPUSA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1 - NY 100-101065 (422)

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March 12, 1961

On Tuesday, March 7, 1961 at 8:30 P.M. a group of people met at the home of [redacted] [redacted] N.Y. The purpose of this meeting was a class in the "History of American Radical Movements", the first in a series of six. The teacher for the course is [redacted]

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BILL ALBERTSON distributed a course outline and proceeded to get on with the first lesson. He said that in the year 1800- to the Civil War the people were trying to find an answer to the problem of growing Capitalism and exploitation. The methods used then to try and solve this problem was called Utopian Socialism, which failed. The next step was Scientific Socialism. He went on to tell about the various parties which formed from 1845 to the present day. He included all that failed as well as those that are still in existence. The NORMAN THOMAS - Socialist Party has a membership of 2,000 in the United States today. The Communist Party is the largest Socialist Organization. It grew from 7,000 in 1929 to 80,000 in 1938. As of today there are approximately 10,000 people in the Communist Party in the United States.

The next class will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 1961, at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] N.Y. The topics for discussion will include (1) What keeps the Communist and Socialist Parties apart?-(2) Which countries of the world today are socialist but not as a result of being brought in by the Communist? Suggested references for the next lesson are History of three Internationals - WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Pgs. 275-283 285-286 311-312 371-375 & Selected Works Vol. 7-V.I LENIN Pgs. 5-12. The class concluded at 11:00 P.M.

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AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1)
RE: CP, USA
MEMBERSHIP
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 12/30/60.

On the best available information, there are an estimated six CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these six, four of them can be positively identified as CP members, and one of them can be tentatively identified as a CP member. One is a security informant. The decrease of one since referenced San Antonio airtel is due to the following:

[redacted] has been carried as a tentatively identified CP member, but after recent file review, it is concluded there is insufficient evidence at this time to so identify [redacted]

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The six individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veterans, and known union members, are set forth below:

3-Bureau (AM RM)
2-New York (100- CP, Membership) (AM RM)
1-San Antonio
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Nationality

American 6

Race

White 6

Sex

Male 5
Female 1

Total 6

Veterans

3

Union Members

None known

Employment

Attorney	1
Bookkeeper	1
Clerk	1
Rental Agent	1
Salesman	1
Unemployed	1
Total	6.

On 4/5/61, [redacted] advised that [redacted] appears to continue as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He continues his efforts to reorganize the CP in this area and is one of the San Antonio representatives on the State Committee of the CP. [redacted] is the Executive Secretary of the CP of Texas. He is also one of the two Texas representatives to the Southern Regional Committee of the CP.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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(OO: NY)

DATE: APR 0 1961

ReNYlet, 2/7/61.

As of 2/1/61, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members	1,921
(2) Number of members identified since last progress letter	72
(3) Number of members identified to date (4/1/60 - 4/1/61)	844
(4) Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	11
(5) Number tentatively identified as CP members to date (4/1/60-4/1/61)	45

2-Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)

1-New York (100-26603) (NY State CP) (414)
1-New York (100-26603-C40) (Bronx) (421)
1-New York (100-26603-C41) (Queens) (423)
1-New York (100-26603-C42) (New York) (424)
1-New York (100-26603-C43) (Kings) (422)
1-New York (100-26603-C44) (Westchester) (421)
1-New York (100-26603-C45) (Nassau) (423)
1-New York (100-132430) (Industrial Division) (42)
1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA Membership) (415)
1-New York (100-128817) (414)

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Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification; "T" represents tentative identifications.)

Organization	Total 2/1/61 P/T	New Since 2/1/61 P/T	Deletions and Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 4/1/61 P/T	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	142/4	9/0	-5/0	4/0	146/4	245
Kings County	153/7	16/3	-20/-3	-4/0	149/7	306
Queens County	121/7	2/0	-12/-2	-10/-2	111/5	116
NY County	216/9	18/3	-11/-1	-7/2	223/11	502
Nassau County	13/0	0/0	-4/0	-4/0	9/0	61
Westchester County	3/0	6/1	-1/0	5/1	8/1	50
Industrial	196/21	21/4	-19/-8	-2/-4	198/17	638
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	844/48	72/11	-72/-14	-14/-3	844/45	1918

The difference between 1918 and 1921 is due to the fact that NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, estimated the upstate membership as 85, whereas Albany and Buffalo Offices have advised their estimate of the upstate membership is 82.

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Thus, NYO arrived at its estimate of CP members of 1,921 by taking the total membership of the NY District CP figure of 2,003, furnished by NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, and deducting therefrom an Upstate estimate of 82 made by Albany and Buffalo Offices rather than deducting the figure of 85 members obtained from NY 2358-S* which would result in a total of 1,918.

Since the NY CP has not completed re-registration of its membership, no change is being made by the NYO at present in the total membership of 2,003 furnished by NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60.

There is outlined below pertinent information received concerning the estimated current membership:

The estimate of 1,921 is based upon the following information derived from the source noted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
New York County	502	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Queens County	116	
Bronx County	245	
Kings County	306	
Westchester Mid-Hudson	50	
Nassau	61	
Industrial Division	638	
(Total Computed)	<u>1918</u>	

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-43850)

FROM: SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY

SUBJECT: POC
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DATE: 4/21/61

On 4/4/61, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY. This information was dictated into statement form on 4/6/61, transcribed by Stenographer [REDACTED] on 4/7/61, and read and initialed by the informant on 4/13/61. It is maintained in [REDACTED]

1 - Chicago (100- POC) (Registered Mail)

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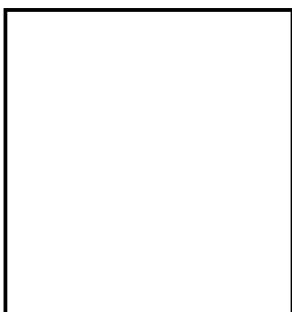
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"On April 2, 1961, a meeting of the POC National Committee was held at the residence of [redacted] [redacted] N. Y. The following were present:

"From Philadelphia



"From New York



"The agenda consisted of the following:

"Consolidation and Expansion Drive - by [redacted]

"Youth - [redacted]

"A discussion of the West Coast trip and 1961 plenum.

"The [redacted] situation.

"The article written by JAMES JACKSON of the CPUSA, appearing in the World Marxist Review.

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"Consolidation and Expansion Drive"

[redacted] gave the following report on the Consolidation and Expansion Drive:

	"Recruits			Vanguard			Funds		
	Quota	Feb.	%	Quota	Feb.	%	Quota	Feb.	%
PHILA.	7	-	-	35	10	29%	450.00	36.00	8%
NEW YORK	16	8	50%	85	40	47%	1500.00	722.30	48%
CHICAGO	5	-	-	15	4	26%	100.00	68.00	68%
CLEVELAND	7	1	14%	30	-	-	75.00	-	-
CALIFORNIA	5	4	80%	20	16	80%	75.00	-	-
VANGUARD				25	6	24%			
TOTAL		13			76			826.30	
NAT'L QUOTA		40			200			2200.00	
NAT'L %		33%			38%			37%	

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"ACTIVITY - NOV. - FEB. INCLUSIVE

AREA	LEAFLETS	EDUCATION	COMMITTEES	VANGUARD	MEETINGS
11 PHILA.	13200	Regular 2 - Levels	1 Sporadic	800-1000	Sporadic Regular now
48-57 NEW YORK	28,450	Luctia Lookout	Regular All Levels	3-5 Active	800
5 CHICAGO	10,250	Sporadic Not planned	1 Active	400-500 700	Regular
CLEVE ²²	1500	None	1 Sporadic	75	Sporadic 1 or None
13-17 CALIF.	5500	Area Paper	1 Regular	25	Regular But Seldom

"COMPOSITION OF RECRUITS

White	4
Negro	2
Puerto Rican	3
Dominican	2
Unidentified	2
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"New York has now recruited a total of 18 persons up to April 1, 1961, so their quota for recruits was raised to 20. New York has secured 70 subscriptions to the Vanguard as of April 1, 1961, so their quota was raised to 100.

"Cleveland has not been sending any money to the National Office as they have been using all the funds raised to assist [redacted] in fighting his arrest on charges of theft.

"The National Committee agreed that the progress on the drive was very good. The POC in New York had recently recruited two former members of the Communist Party, USA. In view of this, the National Committee recommended these former members of the Communist Party, USA, to prepare a letter to the present members of the Communist Party, USA, explaining why they had dropped from the Communist Party and joined the POC. This letter would also contain their feelings about the difference between the two organizations. The National Committee recommended that this letter be published in the Vanguard in the name of the National Committee. This letter will probably appear in the April issue as the March issue has just gone to press.

"The National Committee agreed that they had made an incorrect estimate in setting a quota for recruits in the Chicago area. The Chicago area, since they have only five members, could not be expected to obtain five new recruits. Their quota was, therefore, reduced to zero. The National felt that Chicago's efforts in other aspects of the drive were very good.

[redacted] then gave a report on youth. He indicated that in New York the POC came up with a problem in regard to teenage youth. Some of the parents of these teenage members have raised the question about their children failing in school because they were engaged in too much POC activity. Another problem that has arisen is that [redacted] have both left college.

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"The National Committee recommended that the fetish of higher bourgeois education be rejected. The National Committee felt, however, that it was important for individuals to secure a grade and high school education, and if problems should arise with failing grades during this period of an individual's education, if necessary the youth should be taken out of the POC until he has completed high school or else left school and accepted employment. The National Committee agreed to have its members from New York hold a joint meeting with the parents of youth involved and explain the National Committee's decision. The National Committee also agreed that the POC youth activities would only be held on weekends in the future.

"In regard to [redacted] leaving college, the National Committee felt this was good since [redacted] was only studying to be a social worker and this education would have been of no help in advancing the cause of Marxism-Leninism.

"In regard to [redacted] attendance or nonattendance at college, the National Committee felt that this was a decision which should be left entirely to the individual since the National Committee did not feel that the securing of a higher education would make them any better Marxists-Leninists.

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[redacted] announced that the POC youth document has now been completed and will be turned over to the National Staff for study. The Committee next discussed the 1961 Plenum and the West Coast trip. It agreed to substitute for the 1961 Plenum area preliminary conference discussions. These discussions would be held in three areas. New York and Philadelphia would meet jointly about mid-June. The West Coast would hold its meeting during the second week in July. These conferencees would be held to discuss the problems and work in each area. The National Committee agreed that the

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"finalization of these meetings, in regard to setting specific dates and securing the funds to hold the meetings would be done by the National Organizational Commission in conjunction with the National General Secretary. The National Committee decided that a West coast trip would be made covering the first three weeks of July 1961. A group making this trip would attend the West Coast Conference which would be held in San Francisco. The National Committee agreed that the following should make the trip to the West Coast:



"This group would leave on July 1, 1961, and each person would be required to contribute \$100.00 toward the cost of this trip. [redacted]

[redacted] modified the statement to indicate that as

[redacted] salary was very small, he might not be able to contribute the full \$100.00.

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[redacted] then protested that he did not have \$100.00 to contribute to the cost of this trip.

[redacted] that as there are several months remaining before the start of the trip, he should immediately start to save this \$100.00.

[redacted] indicated that as neither [redacted] [redacted] both National Officers, had ever been to the West Coast on POC business before, it was more important that these two make this trip. [redacted]

[redacted] felt that it was more important for [redacted] to make this West Coast trip then it would be for [redacted] to make the trip.

[redacted] then reported on the [redacted] situation. She stated that since September 1960, [redacted] has been assigned to the Distributive Club in New York and has not participated to a great extent in the club's activities. Comrades in this club led by [redacted] dropped [redacted] from membership. Since [redacted] is not a member of this club, he would not be a member of the POC. This situation is not correct since [redacted] is a member of the National Committee, a member of the National Staff, and the National Educational Director.

[redacted] then gave his version of the situation. He explained that he is married to a Negro woman who comes from a bourgeoisie family. Her father is a doctor and her mother is worth a lot of money.

[redacted] stated that his wife has given him a great deal of trouble because of the many meetings he attends. At the present time he resides in New Rochelle, N. Y., the Distributive Club meets in Brooklyn, and he has 45 miles to travel from his residence to attend Club meetings. In view of this he has not been able to attend many Club meetings and participated in Club activities.

[redacted] stated he had discussed this problem with [redacted] in September 1960, and no action was taken. The result was that he was dropped from membership by the Distributive Club. The National Committee agreed that [redacted] should have understood [redacted] problem, particularly since [redacted]

[redacted] had left him and [redacted] is now completely out of the POC. The National Committee criticized [redacted] for not taking action on the problem before this. The National Committee criticized the Distributive Club for dropping [redacted] from membership and reversed the Club's decision on dropping him from membership. The National Committee criticized [redacted] as it felt since he was a member of the National Committee he should not have led the action of the Distributive

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"Club against [redacted] The National Committee decided that the Distributive Club should meet with [redacted] who [redacted] would explain the decision of the National Committee. It was also proposed that [redacted] be transferred to another club closer to his residence where he could perform his activities better. It was also agreed that [redacted] should be relieved of some of his duties until this situation can be cleared up.

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"Due to the time the National Committee was unable to discuss the JAMES JACKSON article in the current issue of the World Marxist Review.

"In conversation, [redacted] stated he has contacted the Soviet UN Delegation on two or three occasions in an attempt to secure admission to Freedom University in Moscow."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 5/28/61

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 4/20/61, at
NY, reflects activity of the CPUSA for the quarterly period
1/1/61 to 3/31/61. Details of such activity may be found in

1-NY (100-80641) (CPUSA - Organization) (415)
1-NY (100-80638) (CPUSA - Membership) (415)
1-NY (100-74560) (CPUSA - Funds) (415)
1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - Security Measures) (415)
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - Underground Operations) (415)
1-NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - Factionalism) (415)
1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - International Relations) (415)
1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - United Nations) (415)
1-NY (100-87212) (CPUSA - Colonial Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-79717) (CPUSA - Political Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-80636) (CPUSA - Legislative Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-89691) (CPUSA - Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
1-NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - Negro Question) (415)
1-NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - Youth Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - Women Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - Farmers Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - Cultural Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - Veterans Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - National Groups) (415)
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - Religion) (415)
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - Education) (415)
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - Attempts of CP To Infiltrate Mass
Organizations) (415)
1-NY (100-140277) (CP Interest In Puerto Rican Independence) (413)
1-NY (100-4931) (415)

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this report under the following:

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Membership
Funds
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Factionalism
International Relations
United Nations
Political Activities
Legislative Activities
Domestic Administration Issues
Negro Question
Youth Matters
Women Matters
Cultural Activities
National Groups
Pamphlets and Publications
Education

No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 1/1/61 to 3/31/61, concerning the following activities of the CPUSA:

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Veterans Matters
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CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence.

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